



February 2023

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Thorpe Baptist Church**

**Minutes**

**1. Chairman To convene meeting**

Chairman opened the meeting and thanked Councillors and M.O.P for attending and welcomed Matt and Bev from Low Carbon.

**2. Apologies for absence: Councillors Coulter, Blandford, Cooper**

**In attendance: Chairman Land, Councillors Fielder, Ewart, Starling and Carpenter**

**3. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Councillor Starling proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the January meeting, the Chairman seconded the motion.

**4. Declaration of Members Interests**

There were none.

**5. Public discussion**

Pat advised that she was interested to hear why the solar farm application was originally declined, a brief discussion took place as this was to be discussed during agenda point 7.

**6. Chairman's report**

Chairman updated that the allotments are coming along and are nearly ready to be allocated, however, we need to decide on our rules and regulations etc.

SWAS scheme has progressed forwards towards the village, test trenches were done in January and this will keep progressing.

We will be formulating a PC response to Highways regarding their position on not resurfacing the roads

There have been a couple of nasty accidents in and around Thorpe, this gives more strength to our argument for not redirecting traffic from the A120 through Thorpe (see point 9).

The maps have been very well received by village residents, thanks to Councillor Fielder for organizing and to the volunteers for delivering them.

**7. Thorpe Solar Farm**

Bev from Low carbon introduced the company and solar farm project planned for Thorpe and the benefits to the local parish. The information was well received and the parish council stated that they were in support of the project. Low Carbon listened to concerns regarding the impact of construction traffic and advised they would like to work with the PC to utilize local knowledge to minimize any potential disruption. The presentation will be provided to the PC to be made available on the Thorpe Le Soken website.

**8. Coronation budget setting**

A brief discussion took place regarding the Jubilee celebrations in 2022 and the budget allocated for that. Councillor Fielder proposed a total budget of £5000 for the Coronation celebrations, Councillor Land seconded the motion and all were in favour.

**9. Essex Highways Traffic diversion.**

The chairman provided an update on the planned diversion for 2023 and that he has contacted the cabinet portfolio holder for highways with concerns regarding the planned diversion and provided an alternative.

**10. Path Cleaning - Purchase of Mechanical Cleaner**

(Rolling agenda item)

**11. Planning**

**Applications received**

23/00141/FUL	Proposed new detached family dwelling.	No comment
23/00154/FUL	Proposed conversion of existing care home with 11 bedrooms and shared facilities to provide 6 self contained one bedroom flats with communal facilities and staff accommodation.	No comment
23/00157/TPO	Reduction of a number of trees	No comment
23/00124/TCA	Removal and reduction of a number of dead and damaged trees	No comment
23/00086/FULHH	Proposed kerb to be dropped for access to 5 Station Road	No comment

**Applications determined**

22/02031/VOC Approval - Listed Building Consent	Variation of condition 4 (Roof Tiles) of 22/00794/LBC to allow the use of clay plain tiles while retaining the original character of the roof.	The Abbey, Abbey Street
22/02017/VOC Approval - Full	Variation of condition(s) 1 (Approved Plans) of application 21/00666/DETAIL to alter plots 31-49 from houses to bungalows.	Site to the South of Frinton Road
22/01941/FULHH Approval - Full	Proposed single storey rear extension and cladding.	Inglewood, Mill Lane
22/01946/DETAIL Approval - Reserved Matters/Detailed	Reserved matters application for the erection of 1no. three bed detached bungalow	Land adjacent to Comarques Colchester Road

**12. Accounts for period 17<sup>th</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> February incl.**

**To receive and approve the monthly accounts and payments.**

**STANDING ORDERS:**

Jess Ball	£1040.35	Staff Wages
Naze Lamb	£490	PF maintenance

Payee	Invoice	Amount	VAT	Budget line
N. Power		£184.18		S. Light energy
Naze Lamb		£1,056.00		O/S maintenance – ditch excavation 1 <sup>st</sup> Green
J Ball		£62.89		Pay adjustment - Jan
J Ball		£59.69		Pay Adjustment - Feb
<b>Payments pending</b>				
A & J lighting		£96.00		S. Light maintenance
Naze Lamb		£1,056		Allotment container base works
J. Bradfield		£160.00		Lockyers Wood installations
<b>Income received</b>				
John Graham Construction		£489		Reimbursement for damage to memorial lights

**Account balances:**

Treasurers account	Savings Account (Bus banking)	Margery Wright fund	It's a Knockout/Thorpe Fete
£40,390.75	£37,586.42	£4,835.68	0.00

Councillor Carpenter proposed that the accounts be accepted, Councillor Starling seconded the motion.

**13. Sub Committee Reports:**

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| a. Fibre High Speed Broadband        | Nothing to report  |
| b. Christmas Lights                  | A neighbouring parish has said they're interested in our old lights                                  |
| c. Highways and Pavements            | Nothing to report  |
| d. Lockyer's Wood                    | New rubbing posts & picnic bench have been installed.  |
| e. Parish Footpaths & Village Greens | The hedge cutter and strimmer have had their annual maintenance/repairs and are ready for collection |
| f. Playing Field                     | Nothing to report.   |
| g. Street Lighting                   | Nothing to report  |
| h. Thorpe in Bloom                   | To be planted in Coronation colours this year  |
| i. Allotments                        | Nothing further to add to earlier update   |

**14. Date of next meeting**

13<sup>th</sup> March

**15. Close of meeting**