



April 2023

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held Monday April 17th 2023 at Thorpe Baptist Church**

Minutes

1. Chairman To convene meeting

2. Apologies for absence: Councillor Fielder, Councillor Ewart

3. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held Monday 20th March 2023

Having been previously circulated, Councillor Cooper proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record, Councillor Coulter seconded the motion.

4. Declaration of Members Interests

There were none

5. Public discussion

None in attendance

6. Chairman's report

The chairman updated on the ongoing frustrations and battle to get the Highstreet works done. After much pressure and discussions highways have confirmed that they will be starting work to resurface the high street and continue the work on the drainage scheme, this is likely to be starting in the Autumn and will start from Thorpe Green livery yard/Colchester Road and work through the village in stages. Chairman acknowledged the work done by Kavin Greenscapes at The Spennells.

7. Allotments fencing

Chairman proposed that we refer back to Kevin Greenscapes quote, councillor Cooper seconded, all in favour

8. Lockyers wood pathways and edging

A brief discussion took place regarding the pathway edging for Lockyers wood and the various discussions in previous meetings to get the work carried out. Councillor Carpenter proposed the quote by DB Garden services be accepted, Councillor Blandford seconded the motion, all in favour.

9. Bins

Further to the March meeting discussion and budget allocation re bins, Councillor Coulter suggested we opt for blue bins, some mounted cigarette stub disposal trays. All were in agreement

10. Path Cleaning - Purchase of Mechanical Cleaner

(Rolling agenda item)

11. Planning

Applications received

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23/00414/LBC	Proposed removal of internal partition, replace existing window with french doors and window to replace external door.	No comment
23/00499/FULHH	Erection of 2 bay cartlodge	No Comment
23/00488/FULHH	Proposed single storey rear extension and cladding of existing dwelling (alterations to planning approval 22/01941/FULHH).	No Comment

Applications determined

22/01944/FUL Approval - Full	External alterations including first floor extensions to existing units to facilitate the subdivision of 4 no. units to create 6 no. units.	Unit 5, 6, 6A and 7B Rice Bridge Industrial Estate
23/00154/FUL Approval - Full	Proposed reconfiguration of existing care home with 11 bedrooms and shared facilities to provide 6 self contained one bedroom assisted living flats	Peter House Sneating Hall Lane
23/00253/FULHH Approval - Full	Proposed single storey rear extension, alterations to the existing roof and cladding to host dwelling.	52 Abbey Crescent
23/00281/TCA Approval - Full	1 No. Beech - remove, 1 No. Lime - pollard, 1 No. Yew - remove.	The Limes, High Street
23/00086/FULHH Approval - Full	Proposed kerb to be dropped for access to 5 Station Road.	5 Station Road

12. Accounts for period 21st March – 17th April incl.

To receive and approve the monthly accounts and payments.

STANDING ORDERS:

Jess Ball	£1100.04	Staff Wages
Naze Lamb	£490	PF maintenance

Payee	Invoice	Amount	Budget line
PlayQuip		£195.60	O/S playing field
J Ball (Cartridge people)		£43.70	Office equipment/stationery (printer ink)
Rolph School Association		£674.40	Grants
Thorpe Festival Trust		£1,900	Grants
Bull Trading Ltd (container)		£4828.80	Allotments
Clacton Business services		£51.00	Payroll services
EALC		£575.92	Affiliations & Subscriptions
HMRC		£57.54	Employment costs
Payments Pending			
Kevin Greenscapes		£1080.00	O/S maintenance
Income Received			
TDC		30,910	Precept & LCTS grant 1 st instalment

Birkett Long LLP		589.23	Allotment searches refund
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Account balances:

Treasurers account	Savings Account (Bus banking)	Margery Wright fund	It's a Knockout/Thorpe Fete
£55,895.94	£37,627.93	£4841.02	£0.00

Carpenter proposed, Coulter seconded, all in favour

13. Sub Committee Reports:

- a. Fibre High Speed Broadband Nothing to report
- b. Christmas Lights Nothing to report
- c. Highways and Pavements Cllr Blandford acknowledged the effort that the Chairman had put into getting matters resolved with the High Street drainage and resurfacing. The red route doesn't always seem to be making a difference to parking on Landermere road, although the parking partnership have been seen.
- d. Lockyer's Wood Nothing further to previous agenda point
- e. Parish Footpaths & Village Greens Nothing to report
- f. Playing Field Nothing to report
- g. Street Lighting Noting to report
- h. Thorpe in Bloom Planters to be planted up in coronation colours, plants, compost etc to be purchased using annual TiB budget
- i. Allotments Clerk

14. Date of next meeting

Due to the bank holiday weekend for the Coronation of The King, the next meeting will be on Monday 15th May.

15. Close of meeting