



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held Monday 20th March 2023 at Thorpe Baptist Church

Minutes

1. Chairman To convene meeting

2. Apologies for absence: Blandford

In attendance: Chairman Land, Councillor's Cooper, Carpenter, Ewart, Coulter, Fielder & 5 MOP's

3. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held Monday 13th February 2023

Councillor Ewart proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true account of the February meeting, Councillor Carpenter seconded the motion, all were in favour

4. Declaration of Members Interests

Councillor Coulter declared that she is Secretary of Rolph PTA

5. Public discussion

MoP requested that the bin by the bus stop at the memorial be moved as it narrowing the footpath at a point where there is quite a lot of flooding. The issue relating to the flooding around the memorial was brought up again. The chairman responded with an update regarding his ongoing discussions with Essex County Council and Essex Highways regarding the issues the current status quo. A discussion took place regarding the state of roads and the impact of the traffic on Thorpe roads.

6. Chairman's report

Continuing on from the discussion regarding the roads in Thorpe, the chairman updated that a meeting is being organized by a number of councillors from nearby parishes with relevant portfolio holders from ECC and Essex Highways to try and move the issue regarding road conditions in the Tendring district forward. He also stated that there has been suggestion locally of organizing a petition and that 'people power' is what is needed to help push the issue forwards.

7. Allotments storage container

Councillor Fielder proposed that we increase the budget for the storage containers to £5k, Councillor Carpenter seconded the motion and all were in favour.

8. Allotment pathways

Councillor Fielder proposed that the motion to consider and approve the quote for £2820 + vat to install pathways be approved, Councillor Land seconded, all in favour.

9. Thorpe Park Solar Farm Community benefit fund

After a brief discussion, the lump sum option was proposed by Chairman Land, Councillor Coulter seconded the motion and all were in favour.

10. Coronation funding applications

Members of Thorpe Festival Trust were in attendance and provided a brief overview of their plans for the coronation and the funding required. A brief summary of the funding requested for Rolph school and the Social Club. Councillor Ewart proposed that all organisations be granted their requested amount, Councillor Carpenter seconded, all in favour.

11. Appoint internal auditor for 22/23

Chairman Land proposed that we appoint Clacton Business services as internal auditors, Councillor Ewart seconded the motion and all were in favour.

12. Playing field Lease renewal

Councillor Land proposed, Councillor Fielder seconded, all in favour.

13. Bins around village

A discussion took place regarding the need for bins around the village. Councillor Fielder proposed a budget of £1k, Chairman Land seconded, all in favour.

14. Path Cleaning - Purchase of Mechanical Cleaner

(Rolling agenda item, nothing to update.)

15. Planning

Applications received

23/00253/FULHH	Proposed single storey rear extension	No comment
23/00281/TCA	1 No. Beech - remove, 1 No. Lime - pollard, 1 No. Yew - remove	No comment
23/00302/FUL	Proposed erection of two double garages for storage of 2 vans, tractor and trailer with basement plant room	No comment
23/00304/VOC	To amend wording regarding roads and footways	No comment

Applications determined

23/00023/TCA	1 No. Silver Birch - reduce by 40%, 1 No. Ash - fell.	41 Oak Close
22/01833/OUT Refusal - Full	Outline Planning Application (Access and Layout to be considered) for the demolition of existing ancillary office and erection of 1no. three bedroom bungalow.	Springfield, Golden Lane
22/02117/FUL Approval - Full	Proposed construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure,	Thorpe Park Solar Farm Land South of Thorpe-Le-Soken
22/02107/LUPROP Lawful Use/development Refused	Proposed conversion from existing office/light industrial (B1) to residential use in accordance with PD rights Class O.	Unit 5, 6, 6A and 7B Rice Bridge Industrial Estate
21/01397/FUL Approval - Full	Proposed construction of 28 no. bungalows with associated parking, roads, site infrastructure and hard and soft landscaping.	Land East of Henderson Road

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22/01739/FUL Approval - Full	Proposed replacement of dwelling with two semi-detached bungalows.	Ashcroft St Michaels Road
22/02003/FUL Refusal - Full	Construction of new 3 bedroom dwelling and single storey extension to existing dwelling following the demolition of existing detached garage and part of single storey side elevation.	20 Byng Crescent
22/02095/FULHH Approval - Full	Proposed single storey rear extension	Gilder Argyle Road

Determinations were noted.

16. Accounts for period 13th January – 13th February incl.

To receive and approve the monthly accounts and payments.

Cllrs to approve Cheques/on-line payments for signature/approval, agree D/Debits & S/Orders:

All cheques/on-line payments to be signed by two designated members of PC.

STANDING ORDERS:

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

Payee	Invoice	Amount	VAT	Budget line
A&J lighting		£96		Street light maintenance
N Power		£178.67		Street lighting energy
J Bradfield		£75		
J Bradfield		£160		
M Fielder		£299.56		O/S maintenance (E. Doe reimbursement)
HMRC		£270.35		Employer N.I
HMRC		£54.54		Employer N.I
HMRC		£54.74		Employer N.I
HMRC		£57.54		Employer N.I
Naze Lamb		£1440		O/S Allotments (site clearance)
Naze Lamb		£1056		O/S Allotments (container base)
A&J lighting		£96		
N Power		£155.60		Street light energy
Payments pending				
Playquip		£195.60		O/S - repair of toddler swing
Income received				

Account balances:

Treasurers account	Savings Account (Bus banking)	Margery Wright fund	It's a Knockout/Thorpe Fete
£34,313.71	£37,604.13	£4,837.96	0.00

Councillor Ewart proposed the accounts be accepted, Councillor Coulter seconded, all in favour.

17. Sub Committee Reports:

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| a. Fibre High Speed Broadband | Nothing to report |
| b. Christmas Lights | Nothing to report |
| c. Highways and Pavements | Nothing to report |
| d. Lockyer's Wood | Reminder of plans for the woods and pathway edging |
| e. Parish Footpaths & Village Greens | Nothing to report |
| f. Playing Field | Nothing to report |
| g. Street Lighting | Nothing to report |
| h. Thorpe in Bloom | Need new baskets |
| i. Allotments | Cllr Starling |

18. Date of next meeting

To Discuss and agree the date of the next meeting. 17th April

19. Close of meeting