



**November 2023**

***MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
Held Monday November 13th 2023 at Thorpe Baptist Church***

**Minutes**

**1. Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance**

**2. Apologies for absence:** Councillor's Moor & Fielder

**Attendees:** Councillor's Land, Ewart, Coulter, Blandford, Cooper, Holland, Carpenter

**3. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Having been previously circulated, Councillor Ewart proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the October meeting. Councillor Coulter seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed by all who had been present at the October meeting favour.

**4. Declaration of Members Interests**

There were none

**5. Public discussion**

Councillor Coulter raised a concern on behalf of some of the school parents regarding parking issues on the High street, which had been exacerbated by the builders (Bockings homes) on the land at the back of Chinese Cottage blocking a number of parking spaces for the whole day. This has been reported to planning enforcement.

Mick MOP stated that the pathway to the social club is in a poor state of repair, as is the pathway along Abbey Street. Vegetation around the bus stop from The Abbey is encroaching onto the footpath. Speed along Station Road and Abbey Street is a concern. To speak to Tendring parish council regarding the 20mph limit around the school and how that was implemented.

**6. Chairman's report**

The Chairman thanked Mary and Mick for caring for the memorial and for all involved with the Remembrance Day service on Sunday and for the bugle player. The memorial itself needs cleaning, however, this has to be done in a particular way. Thorpe Festival Trust have asked if anyone from the Parish Council is available to man the road closure at the mini roundabout. The recent litter pick was very well attended, some new residents joined in, which was good to see.

**7. Approve budget for Lady Nelson legal costs**

Further to the ongoing legal case to retain the tenancy of the Lady Nelson Playing field, the solicitor has advised that as no resolution has been agreed with the Landlord and Court Proceedings have now been initiated, a further £10k (plus vat) should be allocated for legal fees. Chairman land proposed the additional budget of £10k plus vat be approved, Councillor Holland seconded the motion and which was unanimously agreed.

## 8. Litter pickers

Further to the success of the village litter pick and the good turn-out of residents wanting to help keep the village tidy, the Chairman advised that more litter pickers were needed. Councillor Ewart proposed £50 for litter pickers, Councillor Holland seconded the motion all were in favour.

## 9. NALC Pay Award

The chairman provided an update on the Local Government Association (LGA) pay award and that this is a nationwide award effecting all local government employers/employees.

## 10. Lady Nelson Playing field

*Rolling agenda item*

## 11. Path Cleaning - Purchase of Mechanical Cleaner

Councillor Cooper provided an update on the different mechanical cleaners identified as potential models for use in Thorpe. These are petrol powered cleaners as we don't have facilities for charging electric ones. This has been narrowed down to 2 potential options, further discussions to be had to find out costs etc.

## 12. Planning

### Applications received

23/01516/OUT	Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved except for access) for the erection of up to 10 single storey dwellings.	Object. Outside of settlement boundary, overdevelopment, drainage, biodiversity
23/01515/FUL	Proposed removal of existing metal chain link and timber trellis fencing, and installation of 2.4m high weldmesh fencing and pedestrian gate.	No issues
23/01546/TCA	T1- Willow (Goat) Remove close to ground level. TG2- Willow (Goat)x2 Maintain at broadly current dimensions by way of regular pruning	No issues
<a href="#">23/01419/LUEX</a>	Application for an Existing Lawful Development Certificate for vehicular access.	No issues
<a href="#">23/01464/LBC</a> <a href="#">23/01467/FULHH</a>	Proposed installation of Ohme Home Pro charger on the side of property.	No issues
<a href="#">23/01466/FULHH</a>	Proposed detached garage.	Concerns regarding visual amenities, impact on character and appearance of area,
23/01395/FULHH	Proposed single storey rear extension	No issues
23/01318/TCA	4 No. Acer (Sycamore) - reduce by 40%.	No issues

### Applications determined

23/01160/LBDISC Approval - Discharge of Condition	Discharge of condition 3 (Heritage - Rooftiles) of application	Thorpe Green House Colchester Road
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23/01255/WTPO Approval - Full	T1 Silver Birch - Remove large amount of dead wood and reduce	Silver Birches New Thorpe Avenue
22/00732/DETAIL Approval - Reserved Matters/Detailed	Reserved matters application for all reserved matters; access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to 17/01934/OUT for erection of four detached bungalows.	Land opposite 1 to 5 Tendring Road
22/00874/VOC Approval - Reserved Matters/Detailed	Variation of condition 1 (Approved Plans) of application 22/02017/VOC to remove affordable housing plans and vary unilateral undertaking due to the development being unviable.	Land North of Lifehouse Spa and Hotel Frinton Road

**13. Accounts for period 10<sup>th</sup> October – 13<sup>th</sup> November 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	£	Staff Wages
Naze Lamb	£490	PF maintenance

Payee	Invoice	Amount	Budget line
HMRC		£57.54	Employment costs
Sid Hutchby		£192	O/S maintenance- grass cutting
Sid Hutchby		£112	O/S maintenance- grass cutting (adjustment)
TDC		£396.65	Election costs
A&J Lighting		£96	S/L maintenance
Great Oaktree Land Services		£258	O/S maintenance – tree works
Naze Lamb		£1,704	Allotment paths and maintenance
Catch PR		£180	Website
N.Power		£293.11	S/L Energy
<b>Payments Received</b>			

Having been briefly reviewed the Chairman proposed that the accounts be accepted, this was seconded by Councillor Carpenter, which was unanimously agreed.

**14. Sub Committee Reports:**

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| a. Christmas Lights                  | Nothing to update   |
| b. Highways and Pavements            | Nothing further to update   |
| c. Lockyer's Wood                    | Quotes had been obtained but Scott Properties had offered to help dig the pathways with their plant machinery |
| d. Parish Footpaths & Village Greens | Cllrs Fielder & Moor  |
| e. Playing Field                     | Nothing further to update   |
| f. Street Lighting                   | Nothing further to update   |
| g. Thorpe in Bloom                   | Nothing to update   |

h. Allotments

Nothing to update

**15. Date of next meeting**

To Discuss and agree the date of the next meeting.

**16. Close of meeting 8.15**