



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held Monday March 11th 2024 at Thorpe Baptist Church

March 2024

Minutes

1. Chairman To convene meeting

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance

2. Apologies for absence: Councillors Carpenter, Blandford, Holland

**Present: Chairman Land, VC Cooper, Councillors Coulter, Ewart, Fielder, Moor
2 Members of the public (MoP)**

3. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held Monday 12th February 2024

Councillor Land proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the February meeting, Councillor Cooper seconded the motion, all were in favour

4. Declaration of Members Interests

There were none

5. Public discussion

David and Bob came to talk about a pond regeneration program by FWAG that has been proposed for 2 ponds within Thorpe Le Soken on Far Thorpe Green, a discussion then took place with Councillor Moor regarding the ongoing discussions with TDC regarding the regeneration of Far Thorpe Green and the 2 projects could potentially work together.

6. Chairman's report

The community garden is coming along and the plants purchased via the ECC locality fund grant will be delivered next week ready for planting.

7. Consider and approve quote for fencing of the community garden

Jason Bradfield has quoted £1,176 to install a perimeter fence around the community garden at the allotment site. Councillor Fielder proposed that costs should be approved for this work, Councillor Ewart seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.

8. Traffic calming/Safety

A discussion took place regarding the recent road traffic accidents and the appointment of PCSO's to manage this. The chairman explained the arrangement that some other parishes have in the district and the costs associated with this, which were considered prohibitive as these amount to over a third of our annual precept.

9. To appoint internal auditor

Councillor Cooper proposed that we appoint Clacton Business Services as Internal auditors for 2023/24 accounts. Councillor Ewart seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

10. Parish notice boards

Councillor Fielder proposed that we accept Jason’s quote to have a new notice board made, with Perspex as opposed to glass. Councillor Ewart seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

11. Path Cleaning - Purchase of Mechanical Cleaner

Nothing further to the update from February, Councillor Cooper provided a brief update for the benefit of those present that weren’t at the February meeting.

12. Planning

Applications received

24/00120/FULHH	Retention of single storey additions (revision to previously approved scheme	Objection – not in keeping with character and appearance of local area, conservation area, proximity to listed buildings
24/00157/FUL	1 x dwelling (design as approved under 21/01284/FUL).	Concerns discussed regarding size and design however as previously approved, no comment to make on application.
24/00300/TCA	Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - Cedar tree (T1)- cut back branches. Oak tree (T3)- reduce over extended lower lateral limbs.	No comments

Applications determined

23/01632/FUL Approval - Full	Proposed addition of 123 solar modules on the pitched and flat roofs of the school building.	Rolph C of E Primary School
24/00126/NMA Approval Non Material Amendment	Non Material Amendment to application reference 22/00732/DETAIL to change roof material from red tile to black slate	Land opposite 1 to 5 Tendring Road
24/00097/TCA Approval - Full	Oak - remove lower main south facing bough.	The Hawthorns
24/00129/TCA Approval - Full	T1 - Ash - Repollard back to previous points. T2 - Ash - Repollard back to previous points. T3 - Ash - Repollard back to previous points.	Bowling Green Cottage Station Road

Appeal Decisions

22/01316/OUT - Land to The South of 4 Edward Road, Thorpe, CO15 0HJ: Appeal dismissed

13. Accounts for period 13th February – 13th March 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
Naze Lamb

£ [REDACTED]
£490

Staff Wages
PF maintenance

Payee	Invoice	Amount	Budget line
Birkett Long LLP		£1200	Barrister for court hearing
N.Power		£433.91	S. Light energy
Scottish Power		£160.53	Xmas Lights energy
Parkers Garden Centre		£999.13	Community garden plants (locality fund grant)
Birkett Long		£1742.60	Legal fees for Lady Nelson
Payments pending			

Councillor Ewart proposed that the accounts were accepted, Councillor Fielder seconded the motion.

14. Sub Committee Reports:

- a. **Christmas Lights** Scottish Power will no longer be doing unmetered supplies, so next year we will need an alternative supplier for next year.
- b. **Highways and Pavements** Nothing to report
- c. **Lockyer's Wood** S106 money from Burfoots has been redirected to Lockyers wood, this has been released to TDC and can now be used
- d. **Parish Footpaths & Village Greens** We now have the new brush cutter and hedge trimmer, we will require oil and fuel for these.
- e. **Playing Field** No further update
- f. **Street Lighting**
- g. **Thorpe in Bloom** The planters on the 4 roads into the village are to be adopted by residents as part of Britain in Bloom, an allocated budget of £50 per planter will be designated for plants etc (out of the designated £500 Thorpe in Bloom annual budget)
- h. **Allotments** There is a rodent issue and we have been asked if they could have a cat at the allotments to try and keep them under control. A discussion took place regarding the fact that were many cats on the vicinity including a cat rescue place on Abbey Crescent (which backs onto the allotments) so a cat was unlikely to resolve the issue. Councillor Moor suggested a pest control person that he had used before as opposed to a cat, he will forward contact info.

15. Date of next meeting

To agree the date of the next meeting.

16. Close of meeting