



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

**November 2024**

**Minutes**

**1. Chairman To convene meeting**

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance

**2. In recognition of Armistice Day, a minutes silence was observed**

**3. Apologies for absence: Councillors Blandford, Coulter and Holland**

In attendance: Chairman Land, Councillors Cooper, Ewart, Fielder, Moor and 2 members of public

**4. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

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

**5. Declaration of Members Interests**

There were none

**6. Public discussion**

Sue Palmer asked if there had been any progress regarding the issues raised regarding the Burfoots development during the last meeting. Sue gave a recap of the issues and the Chairman advised that he had made enquiries regarding this but they are difficult issues for the PC to address as they are civil matters. A discussion took place regarding what possible action could be taken and the limitations of the Parish Council in dealing with this matter, some advice was given regarding speaking with the legal advice provided by home insurance providers.

**7. Chairman's report**

The Chairman stated his thanks to the volunteers and all who attended the Remembrance Sunday event, which went well despite an incident with an impatient delivery driver. This has been reported to the delivery company, although the registration of the vehicle was not captured.

**8. Lady Nelson Playing Field**

We are still awaiting a date for the case to be heard in court.

**9. Traffic calming/Safety**

Following requests by the Parish Council, speed checks have been carried out along Landermere Road and Station Road, patrols have also been conducted outside the school around pick up times. The police will be returning to conduct speed checks along Frinton road at some point soon also. No reports have been received from the police.

**10. Christmas Lights**

Still awaiting license from Essex Highways although this has been chased.

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

Councillor Cooper updated on a visit from Trafalgar who came to discuss the mechanical cleaners, a discussion took place regarding the options suggested by the rep, which included the Billy Goat. Councillor Moor stated that he had a Billy Goat which could be trialed by the PC.

**12. Planning**

**Applications received**

24/01576/FUL	Planning Application - Erection of Grain Store (Phase 1)	Landermere Farm Walton Road
24/01579/FUL	Planning Application - Erection of Grain Store (Phase 2)	Landermere Farm Walton Road

**No comments on this application.**

**Applications determined**

24/01378/TCA Approval - Full	Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - T1 - Ornamental Crab Apple (Malus) - Fell Tree. T2 - Flowering Cherry (Prunus) - Fell Tree.	29 Landermere Road
24/01305/FULHH Approval - Full	Householder Planning Application - Proposed two storey rear extension, partial first floor side extension and single storey side extension.	Meadlands House Damants Farm Lane
24/01070/FUL Approval - Full	Planning Application - demolition of the existing residential dwelling and existing stable and the erection of replacement dwelling and stable/store with associated parking and amenity.	Damonts Farm Damants Farm Lane
24/01440/TCA Approval - Full	Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - T1 reduce alder by 40%. T2 remove small pear tree. T3 reduce silver birch by 30%	The Furze, High Street

**Determinations were noted.**

**13. Accounts for period 15<sup>th</sup> October – 11<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:**

J Ball	£ [REDACTED]	Staff Wages
Naze Lamb	£490	PF maintenance

Payee	Invoice	Amount	Budget line
N. Power		£316.08	Street light energy
Jane Dunne		£50	Admin (minute taking)
J. Ball (Royal British Legion)		£29.49	Miscellaneous & Sundries (Poppy wreath)
Thorpe Festival Trust		£1000	Grants
Thorpe Rainbows		£500	Grants

A&J lighting		£96	Street light energy
<b>Payments Pending</b>			
MRL		£2971.20	Christmas lights deposit
Naze Lamb		£450	Grass cutting
J.Ball		£18.28	Pay adjustment
J.Ball		£247.33	NJC/NALC pay award
<b>Income Received</b>			
Little Clacton Youth Football		£30	Match day pitch hire
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Councillor Fielder proposed the accounts be approved, Councillor Moor seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed.

**14. Sub Committee Reports:**

- a. Christmas Lights Clerk
- b. Highways and Pavements Cllr Fielder advised that he had spoken to a local resident who's wife had fallen over a rise in the pavement caused by a tree root and had fractured her shoulder needing surgery.
- c. Lockyer's Wood No update
- d. Parish Footpaths & Village Greens Cllr Moor provided an update on the works that have been taking place at Far Thorpe Green, the ponds and new habitats created for GCN's and hedgehogs.
- e. Playing Field The new football team have been having regular matches on the playing field
- f. Street Lighting The lamp that was out has been replaced.
- g. Thorpe in Bloom No update
- h. Allotments Ruth Layzell has been looking after the community garden with a team of volunteers and has done a very good job, this is coming along very well. Councillor Fielder requested an agenda item for the next meeting regarding budget allocation for the community garden.

**15. Date of next meeting**

To agree the date of the next meeting.

**16. Close of meeting**