

MINUTES OF THORPE LE SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD: MONDAY 11th AUGUST 2014 7.00 PM AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM.

PRESENT: Cllrs: Land Chairman, Powell Vice Chairman, Cannons, Cossens, Chrystal, Ewart, Healey, Holt, McHale, Newman, Roe, Cty Cllr Erskine, Roger Hawes Tree Warden & PCSO Les Barnes.

APOLOGIES: None

Declaration of Interest: None

Minutes of the July 2014 meeting & **Clerk's Report**, having previously been circulated were agreed as a True Record and signed by the Chairman after the following amendments were made. Last paragraph on front page of July minutes Rouses Farm & not Rouses Hard. Clerk's Report Front Page: Date of meeting should have been 11th not 14th. Paragraph Speed Limit in Golden Lane last sentence insert: **there had been a two-car accident in Golden Lane.**

POLICE REPORT: The following incidents were reported to the police during the month of July.

Suspicious Circumstances: Footsteps heard in back garden of property in Vicarage Lane.
Male hanging around at the Train Station in Station Road.
2 males, door to door salesmen in St. Michaels Road.

Assault: Object thrown from vehicle & hit pedestrian, Station Road.

Police Request: To attend The Crown Public House in High Street where a female was being aggressive.

Noise Nuisance: Loud Music at the Crown, High Street & a Party in Station Road.

Theft from Motor Vehicle: Generator and petrol stolen from a vehicle in Mill Lane

Theft: Money taken at Life House Spar, Frinton Road

Burglary Other: Garage broken into in Station Road.

Disturbance: 2 males fighting in car park of The Bell Inn, High Street.

Robbery: Female robbed of her hand bag in Station Road.

RTC: Station Road.

Public Participation: No public were present:

Chairman's report: Dog Bin The Spennells: As the area in question is owned by TDC they were asked if they would install a bin. A 6 week survey was carried out and as there was only one issue of dog mess TDC have said they are not willing to put one up.

Village Fete: Very Well attended.

Requiem Mass held at St Michaels Church: Very well attended.

ECC Job update: Large Pot-Hole, Golden Lane: not completed to date.

Flooding at Memorial: continues:

Food Festival: very well attended and enjoyed by all.

Clerk's Report: Refer to attached report.

Correspondence: Refer to August Agenda for more in depth information.

8.1 David Bain re St. Michaels Church Annual Grant. Each Cllr had previously received a copy of the Annual Accounts and all correspondence received to read in preparation for discussion at the August meeting. After a discussion Cllr Healey proposed, seconded Cllr Chrystal all in favour that a cheque for £500 be presented for signature at this evenings meeting.

New Planning Applications:

14/OI003/TPO & 14/01092 TCS leave to decision of TPO Officer

14/01046/FUL Proposed flat roof dormer to rear and 3 conservation roof lights to the front, 2 Frost Cottages, High Street. No objection but PC would ask that as the property is a listed building within the Conservation Area that Listed Building permission is obtained and the pitched roof & windows are in keeping with neighbouring properties.

14/01086/OUT One House, The Woodlands, Edward Road. After a discussion, a vote was taken Cllr Cossens proposed, seconded Cllr Healey, 7 in favour, 4 abstentions that the Parish Council **Rec: Refusal on grounds that it was Outside Village Envelope.**

Cheques for Signature: The following cheques were presented for payment & approved by all Councillors at this evening's meeting: (for more in depth information refer to August Agenda)

001988 - 001991 inclusive - total of cheque payments £1649.29

Direct Debits: £253.80

Reserves A/C: (Incl £1.10 Int) as at	26 th June	£25,846.98	Current a/c	26 th June	£7704.89
(Incl £1.06Int)	29 th July	£25,848.04		29 th July	£5471.08

Tree Wardens Report: Roger said he had recently met with Kevin Marsden to look at and discuss future management of 2nd Green and consideration was given to involving the schools with hand tool maintenance.

TDALC:

- 1 Sheila Jackman C/Man & Chief Executive of EALC is retiring at the end of this year.
- 2 Sales presentation for EALCL all courses now on line and bookable in advance.
- 3 Nominations for Buckingham Palace Garden Party

District Councillors Report: Nothing to report

County Councillors Report: Cllr Erskine said ECC Travellers Unit have indicated that they would be prepared to hold group council meetings to advise on actions to be taken should any travellers set up on parish council land.

Parish Transport Representative: Nothing to report.

Councillor's Reports:

Playing Field: Cllrs Land/McHale

Highways/Pavements: Cllr Healey referred to Tendring Road where the horseboxes are: the area is completely overgrown by a weeping willow tree. Due to the close proximity of electricity cables the matter will be reported to the Electricity Company.

Parish Footpaths: reported under Clerks Report.

Lockyers Wood: 01 Due to first treatment to knotweed, changes had been noticed.
02 also reports received that Grass Cuttings were being disposed of in the wood.

Thorpe in Bloom: Cllr Holt said all invoices for Thorpe in bloom baskets were now ready to go out.

Village Greens: First Green has had its 3rd cut. Second Green - future maintenance being looked at by Roger Hawes Tree Warden & Kevin Marsden, TDC.

Street Lighting: Annual Maintenance is due to be carried out by A & I J Lighting within the next 2/3 weeks. Any lights not working will be reported. Extra light requested for Mill Lane by Cllr Healey will be discussed and included in 2015/16 precept

Cllr Healey: 01 Would PC give consideration to paying for the C/Man to be in the Official Tent at The Clacton Air Show. Chairman thanked Cllr Healey but declined due to work commitments. 02 Budget & Precept Course to be held 3rd September would be beneficial for all of The Finance Committee to attend. Clerk to enquire if there is an alternative date. **Alternative Course: Council Finance Wednesday 3rd December 10am - 3.30pm To be held at Gt Dunmow Chairman, Clerk & Cllr Ewart would like to attend £67 per delegate.**

Thorpe High Street: Cllr Newman: Transferred to Clerk's Action List.

Memorial Cleaning etc: Transferred to Clerk's Action List.

PC Accountant: carried over to the September meeting due to Maurice Howard being on Holiday.

Date/Time/Venue of next meeting: Monday 8th September 2014, 7.00 pm at The Baptist Church School Room

CLERK'S REPORT: 11th AUGUST 2014 MEETING.

Start Date of Discussion	Issue	Action required	Action in Progress or taken after Aug. meeting
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ECC Highways, Footpaths & Flooding:

(Please note: Ail highway matters to be reported to ECC via their web-site & make sure you get a reference number)

	Parish Footpath 14 Flooding	ECC. only do 1 cut per year July/August. FP not flooded at present & has now been satisfactorily cut.	To be removed, refer to previous Clerk's Reports for information
	Request to review speed Limit in Golden Lane.	7 day traffic count taken. To be discussed further at next highways panel meeting with a view to a speed limit. Cllrs reported that there had recently been a further 2 car accident No update due to holidays (Cllr Erskine)	
	<u>Flooding in Village:</u> Ref: 038356-13	Cty. Cllr Erskine: Official H/Ways document rec. from Cllr Rodney Bass. ECC have released an additional £1 million & after site investigation works were undertaken, 5 flooding sites were identified in Tendring & they include the following two areas in Thorpe: A1033 Colchester Road Coolmore Lodge to Tendring Road B1414 Rice Bridge Hill Harwich Road.	
	Incomplete works Station Road.	Ongoing problem that will be regularly monitored. To be removed - refer to previous Clerk's Reports for information.	
May 2014	Local Highways Panel - request for Traffic calming measures Thorpe Road/Dale Hill	Traffic Survey to be undertaken No update due to holidays Cllr Erskine	Ongoing
	Whitehall Lane/Tendring road Y junction - all road markings need to be re painted	Reported 18 th June Reference: 2336265	
July 2013	Anglian Water:	Ongoing concerns re sewerage Station Road, Flooding & Paradise Alley. This item to be removed, refer to previous Clerk's Reports for any information.	
August 2014	Thorpe High Street:	Harry's Bar (previously known at Maids Head: Land Registry document has been purchased - Cllr Cannons will update. Contact also made with English Heritage and to find out more information it would take 21 weeks. Is it Councillors wishes that we go ahead with this? Vote to be taken.	
August 2014	Alm's type houses to rear of Harry's Bar:	Each Cllr to receive a copy of ECC's comments dated 9 th June 2014	

ADDITIONAL MATTERS FOR PARISH COUNCIL ATTENTION.

Sept
2013 Inconsiderate parking
Landermere Road.

**Ongoing problem that will continue to be monitored.
To be removed refer to previous Clerk's reports for any information.**

Oct
2013 Commemoration of the
Centenary of the First
World War

Matter is now being dealt with by Cllr Ewart who will give a monthly update.

June
2014 Light in Station Road

This matter has now been dealt with and will be removed.

July
2014 Old Forge House:

To be removed: continue to monitor the situation