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Ref: 2016/17-5

PRESENT: Cllrs: Land Chairman, Powell Vice Chairman, Blandford, Carpenter, Ewart, Fielder, Roe, Roger Hawes Tree Warden and 9 members of public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Raftery, and Cty Cllr Andrew Erskine

Confirmation of Minutes: Minutes of the July meeting, having previously being circulated were agreed as a True Record and signed by The Chairman after Cllr Carpenter was asked for clarification of her request for anybody who would like an allotment to apply to TTC. Cllr Carpenter said this was correct, during the past there had been a Garden to the rear of the College, but this has now overgrown and to keep the area maintained it was suggested that it be used as allotments and rented to residents in the village.

Declaration of Members Interest: There were none

Public Participation: The following matters were raised by Liz Bartholomew and who was told by The Chairman that they would be discussed under Chairman's report item 5 on the agenda.

- Sink Hole, Insufficient signage warning motorists that Thorpe High Street was completely closed to all through traffic and showing a diversion route to Frinton & Walton. It was not clearly marked and lorries were having to turn around
- Allocation of money for flooding
- Request for Weight restriction to be imposed along the High Street.

Jane Neilson expressed concern reference a mobile home that was situated adjacent Culver House. Cllr Powell said TDC were aware of this and would be sending an Enforcement Officer out to visit the site sometime this week.

Chairman's Report: **Sink hole:** On Wednesday morning the 3rd August a very large sink hole appeared in the road opposite The Bell. The road was immediately closed and as a matter of urgency investigation works were carried out by Anglian Water who put a CCTV through the pipes and said that their apparatus were not at fault. This is not the first time a Sink Hole has appeared in High Street and previously it was due to a sewer collapse so on the Thursday when Essex Highways dug the hole out with a view to repairing it, it was no surprise that they found it was Anglian Waters responsibility, as the sewer pipe had broken. Anglian Water arrived on site Friday to do the repair and were given a special dispensation to work overnight until the work was completed. In the meantime, The Chairman spoke to The Police and notified all the media channels and papers to let them know what had happened and stressed that although businesses were open as usual Thorpe High Street was closed to through traffic travelling to and from Frinton & Walton.

On visiting the site Friday afternoon, The Clerk said she spoke to the site foreman and he anticipated that work would not be finished until after the weekend and to cover themselves had applied to ECC for the road to be closed until the 12th August. On arriving in the village this evening Monday 8th for the PC meeting I was surprised to see that the work had been completed, the hole had been filled in and fresh tarmac had been laid but not to the satisfaction of everybody who had seen it.

Concern was also expressed regarding insufficient correct signage warning motorists that the whole of Thorpe High Street was closed to through traffic heading for Frinton & Walton. Vehicles were ignoring what notices were up and finding they could not get through and having to turn around.

Questions were asked regarding the strength of Weeley Bridge as there appeared to be some confusion as to whether it was open to large lorries. Cllr Land said he would make enquiries.

Further concern also raised was the volume & speed of traffic that was travelling along Golden Lane. This was not traffic that had been diverted to use the lane as an alternative route but purely people who were aware of the route and where it led to.

Lockyers Wood - Wasp Nest: *After receiving a telephone call from a frantic resident who had been walking her dog in Lockyers Wood and who had both been stung by wasps. On checking the area a nest was found and a Pest control firm was called in.*

Village Surface Waterupdate: *In September 2015 investigations were carried out to find out the extent and condition of the existing surface water drainage in Thorpe and this included topographical, drainage & CCTV surveys along High Street, Landermere Road, Abbey Street and Station Road. The survey revealed that the drainage system was in poor condition. Although £250,000 has been allocated, this will barely scratch the service of work required to be done and due to the suffering experienced by Rev. Robertson who lives in Coolmore Lodge it is hoped that that section of work is commenced first. Extensive projects are being undertaken, schemes are being put together and it is anticipated that work may commence April/May 2017.*

Thorpe Village Fete: *The Chairman reminded everybody that Thorpe Village Fete was being held on the Lady Nelson Playing Field Saturday 20th August. A lot of hard work goes into arranging a Fete and Special Thanks were paid to Peter Harrison, Ray Chrystal and their band of helpers*

Golden Lane Update: *Reinstatement work has been carried out in Golden Lane but it has been noticed that some pot-holes have been done with tarmac, others have been filled in with chippings and some have not even been filled in. It was suggested that maybe some passing bays be put in to make it easier when meeting oncoming traffic.*

Monthly Update: *For more in depth information, please refer to August monthly update.*

Correspondence: For more in depth information please refer to August Agenda

TDC – The Council are reviewing its Local Plan which is a statutory document and guides decisions on planning applications across Tendring. They are also undertaking an 8 wk public consultation which started on 14th July and ends on 8th September 2016. The plan was circulating among Cllrs. Who were also urged to visit a consultation and also have your say. The Plan is to cement areas or pockets of land up to 2033 and stops unwanted development. If development is sustainable then it should be granted permission. It is anticipated that the new District Local Plan will not go live until 2017

e-mail: **POWER CUT - CALL 105:** 105 is a new three- digit number that people can call to report or get information about Power Cuts, Welfare concerns related to a power cut, or if you are worried about the safety of over or underground electricity cables or substations. To call 105 it is F.O.C. and can be called from most landlines & mobile phones. It will be launched in September 2016 and will be available to people in England, Scotland & Wales. The powercut105.com website will also be launched. Cllrs were asked to give the opportunity some thought and come up with some ideas. Cllr Fielder asked if funding could be used for producing maps of Parish Footpath and Nature Trails?

Cllr Roe said he works for Veolia Recycling Centre for Household Waste and each year Veolia have bidding rounds for remit that can be used for Skateparks, Children’s Play Areas, Adults Sports Area, Assault Courses. Funding cannot be used to upgrade lights or any permanent structures.

New Planning Applications: For more in depth information, please refer to August Agenda

15/01569/FUL, 16/00728/FUL, 16/00860/FUL, 16/01022/FUL, 16/01047/FUL **No objection**
16/00177/TCA, 16/1203/TPO **Leave to decision of TPO**

The following applications were received on Saturday and The Chairman said that due to extenuating circumstances and the applications being controversial he would like to move a motion that they be discussed at this evenings meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Ewart and unanimously agreed.

16/01012/FUL Proposed vehicular access to serve potential residential development off land to rear of Landermere Road. Land adjacent 78 Landermere Road.

16/01123/OUT Proposed detached dwelling to rear of Thorpe Green Farm **No objection**

16/01168/OUT Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the demolition of sheds and the residential development of 0.35ha to provide up to 5 detached dwellings with associated garages, parking, landscaping and ancillary works. One Oak, Colchester Road.

No objection Vote was recorded: **1 objection Cllr Jose’ Powell and 6 in favour**

Member of Public asked if permission had been granted for the caravans

Cheques for signature: Permission was given by all Councillors at this evenings meeting for the following cheques to be signed.

Cheques: 002163-002171 incl £1533.90 **Standing Orders:** £303.90

Current A/C: £11330.57 as at 27/7//16 **Business A/C:** £30386653 as at 11/7/16

Tree Warden's Report:

- As we have not had much rain since March and are in the middle of a drought, with lack of water it is known that certain trees tend to shed their boughs.
- Roger & Graham recently met with Mike Hubbard on the Green and discussed various site works.

County Councillor's Report: Cllr Erskine gave his apologies.

Sub-Committee reports:

Highways & Pavements: Nothing to report

Lockyers Wood: Cllr Land reported on Wasps Nest

Parish Footpaths: Cllr Fielder

- Due to the weather conditions, vegetation along some of the footpaths is overgrown
- Footpaths that have been cut by Cllr Fielder are: Behind School, Golden Lane and at the end of Kenilworth Grove.
- As F/P 15 has not been cut from the end of the conifers it is very overgrown and Cllr Land said he proposes to get Mr Hall to cut it. Proposal seconded Cllr Fielder, all in favour.
- Cllr Fielder said he is still trying to contact Sarah Potter as no work gangs have been seen working in the village as promised.

Playing Field: Cllrs Land/Raftery

Street Lighting: Two lights not working.

- Hall Lane & One on the Memorial - Frinton Road (intermittent)

TDALC: Very good meeting, in attendance John Gillings and Joy Derby from EALC. Further speakers requested are E.C.C. and Planning.

Transport:

- *After the July meeting Cllr Roe said he contacted the Bus Company asking why no timetables were available to go in the Bus Shelters and nobody would admit to being responsible.*
- *The female who lives in The Croft, New Thorpe Avenue said she contacted Douglas Carswell's secretary reference the Community Parking Initiative Scheme and was told that it was run by T.D.C. Chairman to make investigations.*

Thorpe in Bloom: *Cllr Roe gave The Clerk The Rose & Crown's payment for the floral baskets. (£168)*

Village Greens: *Refer to Tree Wardens report.*

LED Lighting: *Discussion, Cllr Fielder proposed that Parish Council go ahead and change 40 existing lights to LED at £95 + vat per new fitting. This was seconded Cllr Ewart and unanimously agreed. Cllr Fielder said he would work on the project with The Clerk and arrangements will be made to meet with Andy from A & J Lighting on return from their holiday.*

Close of Business: *There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 8.55 pm*

DATE/Time/Venue of next meeting: **Monday 19th September 2016 7 pm**
at The Baptist Church Schoolroom.

Close of meeting: *There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 8.50 pm*