



THORPE-LE-SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL

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THORPE-LE-SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held Monday 13th March 2017 7.00 pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllrs: Land Chairman, Powell Vice-Chairman, Blandford, Coulter, Fielder, Raftery, Roe, Starling

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Carpenter & Ewart

ALSO PRESENT: Cty Cllr Andy Erskine, Roger Hawes Tree Warden and 6 Members of Public:

Confirmation of Minutes: Minutes of the March 2017 meeting having previously been circulated, were agreed by all Cllrs at this evenings meeting as a True Record and Signed by The Chairman.

Declaration of Members Interest: There were none

Public Participation:

April Gates enquired reference the Floral Baskets and planting of the Concrete Tubs for 2017 to which The Chairman gave a very informative reply. The Chairman also paid special thanks to April and Liz for their continued contribution in planting and maintaining the concrete tubs adjacent Gull Court. Thanks were also paid to Parkers Nurseries who kindly donate the flowers to plant in the pots.

Alan Newman commented as follows: Work carried out to the wall on the bridge at Holland Brook looks hideous and it was sheer nonsense that it was done for safety reasons. Alan said he could not remember there ever being any accident there.

As the Allotment Site development has now started, could a request be made to the developers for each allotment site to have its own 6 x 4 shed with running water and taps readily available. When asked, the Chairman said that the allotments will be handed over to The Parish Council who would be the body to allocate them.

Whilst discussing the allotments Cllr Fielder enquired what the actual boundary was regarding the ditch on the allotment site and the boundary of his land. Roger said it is usually a Common Law that is normally surveyed and goes from the centre of the ditch. It is up to residents to police the matter themselves and come to a constructive agreement with the contractors. A further option would be to contact your solicitors.

Roger Hawes expressed his concern reference the proposed closure of Ticket Offices at 6 of the 7 Stations in Tendring with Thorpe being a station that will be affected.

The Clerk said she was aware of the proposal and a letter was sent on the 10th March.

Chairman's Report: Development Update

1 The chairman gave a general update on all of the developments in the village

Monthly Update: Nothing further to report.

Correspondence & e-mails: Please refer to March Agenda for further information

TDC Planning Determination: 16/02090 DETAIL Refer to March Agenda.

New Planning Applications: received at time of going to print (Mon 6th March)

17/00235/OUT Outline for 5 det. Dwellings, Land South of Colchester Road. After a discussion a vote was recorded The Chairman proposed, seconded Cllr Powell, all in favour to **Rec. Refusal** for the following reasons.

The application lacked details and based on technical justifications the Parish Council are totally against the application for the following reasons.

- 1 Urbanisation of the site which currently acts a green buffer
- 2 Access opposite Golden Lane entrance and onto the very busy Colchester Road.
- 3 Outside the village settlement development boundary.

17/00248/OUT Demolition of existing building erection of 2 new dwellings, Hillcrest, Colchester Road. **Rec Refusal** Access is onto Colchester Road that is a very busy road and adjacent to a dangerous bend / over development of rural site.

17/00147/FUL Rear extension to existing bungalow for a bathroom & bedroom En-suite. Grasmere, New Thorpe Avenue **No objection**

17/00257/OUT Application with all matters reserved for the erection of one dwelling. Land adjacent to Comarques Farm House, Colchester Road. Vote recorded 2 in favour, 5 against, Cllr. Blandford abstained. **Rec. Refusal**

- 1 The parish council feel that we have ample planning applications that have been approved that consist of infills and small and large developments.

2 Further traffic on the network

17/00266/FUL Variation of condition 3 of planning permission 12/01004/FUL
Alter occupation restriction. Land adjacent Parkers Nurseries (formerly Triangle Nursery)
Frinton Road. **No Objection**

17/00267/FUL Mr & Mrs Fuller, Proposed erection of one dwelling, The Woodlands,
Edward Road. Already has outline permission - **No Objection**

16/01955/FUL Mr Anthony Philpot Hedgerows Equestrian - variation of condition 5
Of planning permission 07/00611/FUL to allow use as a Commercial
Riding School, Hedgerows, Golden Lane.
Vote was recorded 7 in favour 1 against.
No objection but concern was expressed re access onto Golden Lane

17/00282/FUL Mr & Mrs N Duckett - Proposed side, rear and roof extension,
30 Abbey Crescent. **No Objection**

Cheques for Signature: Permission was given by all councillors at this evening's meeting for the
following cheques to be signed.

Cheques 002218 – 002225 inclusive £2568.91 VAT £200 (cheque 002224 cancelled)

Standing Orders: £315.85 VAT £52.64

Current Account: up to 28/12/16	£21627.18	Business Account: up to 9/12/16	£30383.69
“ 31/01/17	£19453.68	“ “	9.01/17 £30386.23
“ 28/02/17	£17865.96	“ “	9/02/17 £30387.52

To Review: Financial Regulations, Standing Orders **and** Code of Conduct.....

Tree Wardens Report: To receive a report from Roger Hawes

County Councillor's Report: Cty Cllr Andrew Erskine said everything had been reasonably
quiet, therefore there was nothing to report.

LED Lights: Update to be given by Cllrs Fielder & Ewart

Sub Committee Reports:

Street Lighting: PC owned lights not working – Memorial Triangle One light very dim,
Spencer Road, o/s May House Vicarage Lane.
Cty Lights: Colchester Road, No 1 Station Road.

Highways & Pavements: Cllr Blandford said there was nothing to report.

Lockyer's Wood: Cllr Raftery said he had nothing to report. Cllr Starling said quite a few trees had fallen during storm Daphne

Parish Footpaths: Nothing to report

Playing Field: Nothing to report

TDALC: Nothing to report

Transport: Nothing to report

Thorpe in Bloom: Further updates were given by the Chairman who was hopeful that they would all become more positive very soon.

Village Greens: Roger Hawes paid special thanks to all who helped with further clearance work on 2nd Green

Village Signs: Cllr Kelly Coulter

Superfast Broadband: As Cllr Ewart gave his apologies there was no report

Date/Time/Venue of next meeting:

**Monday 10th April 2017- 7 pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom.
This will be The Annual Meeting followed by a Parish Council meeting.**

Close of meeting: There being nothing further for discussion the meeting closed at 9.35pm