



THORPE-LE-SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL

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REF: 2017/18-4

Minutes of Meeting held Monday 10th July 2017

7.00 pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllrs Land Chairman, Cllr Powell Vice Chairman, Blandford, Carpenter, Coulter, Ewart, Fielder, Raftery & Roe

ALSO PRESENT: Roger Hawes & 1 member of Public

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Blandford and Cty. Cllr Erskine

Declaration of Members Interest: None

Minutes of the last June meeting having previously been circulated, were approved as a True Record and signed by The Chairman.

Chairman's Report: The last month has certainly been a month of mediocre celebrations.

The Lifehouse application was turned down and there had been a good community focus with well over 300 representations being put forward against the application. Should the applicant consider appealing against the decision of TDC it could cost a significant amount of money.

LED's: Chairman said A & J Lighting were in the process of installing the new LED Lights and as his was being overlooked by Cllr Fielder he would pass over to him for an update. Cllr Fielder said the majority of the lights have been put up with only the 12 along Frinton Road remaining to be done and it is anticipated these will be completed next week. £500 had been allocated for additional brackets but so far only One has needed to be replaced.

Regarding the three lights on the Memorial Triangle, after reinvestigating it was found that Two of the columns already had power pillars at the bottom which only left one to be converted and that was the one on the Frinton Road side. Photos were printed from the web-site showing new lanterns which would work by led's, these were passed around for cllrs to look at and put a tick against the one they would like to see put up.

Although A & J's contract runs until August 2018 Andy has agreed that from the end of July all Monthly payments for the annual maintenance will be null & void and be reinstated in August 2018 which already means that The PC will be saving £1489.68 including £359.28.

To allow the new light to be put on the column to the rear of The Green in Byng Crescent, permission was granted by TDC for the removal of the bollards to allow the contractors access to the light provided they were put back up. This work was voluntarily carried out by The Chairman and Cllr Fielder.

Chairman reported that a Planning Appeal Hearing would take place at the Council Offices on Tuesday 22nd August at 10.00am against TDC's decision to refuse an application for 49 houses along Frinton Road. The hearing will last for 2 days and the final thing that will happen is a Site visit. Residents will be able to speak providing they make arrangements with the inspector prior to the meeting. The reasons for rec. refusal were: Highways, Ecology Report, the Historic Parks, Gardens, The Conservation Area and primarily TDC's report refers to previous applications that have been refused because the Council are now in a position where it can identify a 5 year housing supply and as such there is no requirement for the "Skewed" approach to the presumption in favour of sustainable development under paragraph 14 of the National Planning Policy framework to be engaged. With the emerging Local Plan progressing well, officers consider that greater weight can be given to the core planning principles under paragraph 17 of the NPPF.

The Summer Fete is being held Saturday 2nd September and Park Fridays will commence on the 28th July for the whole of the school holidays'

Correspondence and e-mails: *For more in depth information, please refer to the July Agenda.*

Public Discussion: *A resident in Byng Crescent expressed concern about TDC's stupidity allowing a bollard to be cut down and then bolted back up again when the job had been completed. The resident said they had recently been registered disabled and on occasions it is very difficult having to walk a distance to their car.*

It was explained to Mrs Taylor that it was the Parish Council who had removed and replaced the bollard and it was not a decision that could be made by The PC it is owned by TDC and the only way he could see forward was to rally the Local Residents Support.

It is obvious you will meet some resistance but if TDC thought you had a valid reason they may be able to help.

A further request was for Road Humps to be installed adjacent the bend in Byng Crescent.

Unfinished Business reference a letter received from Alan Newman

Parking in Tendring Road:

Parking on The Green: *By Law no vehicle is allowed to put 4 wheels on the green to park, only two are permitted.*

Paradise & Barnard's Alley: *The Chairman said he could see no reason why anybody would want the names to be changed.*

Car Park on Playing Field: *The Chairman said he was not prepared to entertain the opening of a car park on the Playing Field. There are not enough events held on the Field to cause a major problem or a major issue. If a car park were to be opened, here would have to be a key holder who would be responsible for opening and closing etc., and this is an impeding issue on the PF lease.*

Correspondence: For more in depth information refer to July Agenda.

Local Government Boundary Commission. The Commission has now completed its review for the Tendring District Council and from 2019 Thorpe, Beaumont and Gt Holland will become one.

E-mails: For more in depth information refer to July Agenda.

EALC: Planning Briefing, Tuesday Evening 8th August 7 pm – 9pm at EALC Offices, Gt Dunmow. Fee £45 per delegate. Cllrs Land, Carpenter & Coulter expressed an interest to attend. As The Clerk will be away from tomorrow Cllr Land said he would contact EALC.

New Planning Applications for Parish Council consideration: For more in depth information refer to July Agenda.

17/00914/FUL, 17/01011/FUL No Objection

17/00925/OUT Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the development of 9 dwellings with associated access and landscaping Rear of One Oak, Colchester Road.

Rec. Refusal for following reason

Unwanted expansion to the Open Countryside

17/00933/OUT Outline planning application with all matters reserved for one dwelling with associated parking and landscaping, Springfield, Golden Lane.

Rec. Refusal for following reason: Outside Village settlement area and Access along Golden Lane is horrendous.

17/00973/OUT Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the development of 5 dwellings with associated parking & landscaping. Land North of Golden Lane and rear of Fair View, Brambles Rosemere, Green Hedges & Greenway

Rec. Refusal for following reason Outside Village Settlement Area and access along Gold Lane is horrendous

17/01075/TCA and 17/01076/TPO Leave to decision of TPO

17/757 Proposed erection of a detached bungalow, Davara, White Lodge Crescent.

Rec. Refusal: Access onto a very dangerous section of the busy Frinton Road adjacent to an s-bend

Cheques for Signature. All councillors at the meeting this evening gave their permission for all of the presented cheques to be signed and due to The Chairman's apologies and as the clerk is a signatory she was given permission to sign them.
002249 - 002554 = £ 9330.50 (002553 cancelled)

For more in depth information referring to the Current Account, Business Account, Standing Orders and Direct Debits please refer to the July Agenda.

Internal Audit Report: for period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 and prepared by Nancy Powell Davies ,Internal Auditor.

At this evenings meeting each councillor was issued with an amended sheet regarding item F on the Internal Auditors Report and after consideration Cllr Fielder proposed, seconded Cllr Ewart, all in favour that the report be accepted as a true record. Secondly

2016-17 end of year Financial Report:

Cllr Ewart proposed seconded Cllr Fielder all in favour that the end of year Financial Report for 2016-17 prepared for the District Auditor be accepted as a true record. The form was duly signed by The Chairman.

Tree Warden's Report: *Roger said that both Greens were looking good after their first cuts and churning out plenty of wild life.*

LED Lights: *Cllr Ewart asked if the PC were obliged to pay maintenance to A & J Lighting to the end of their contract with A & J Lighting that is due to expire August 2018.. Cllr Fielder said NO, this had all been arranged with A & J Lighting who are prepared to end the contract July 2017.*

County Councillor's report: *Due to Cllr Erskines apologies being received there was no report.*

Sub-Committee Reports:

Community Liason : *Cllr Coulter said she recently applied for a Road Closure on the evening of the Christmas Festival and as the PC had no objection an e-mail was returned to TDC.*

The Fete Committee were also pleased that permission was granted allowing a dog show on the PF

Highways & Pavements: *Cllr Raftery was looking into the following:*

Drain adjacent to W.I. Hall,

Pavement Frinton Road – unfortunately this is considered Low Priority,

Potholes outside Charfields adjacent The Memorial.

Lockyers Wood: *Cllr Roe said he had noticed 3 more trees in Lockyers Wood, adjacent to the footpath leading to the farmers that were unsafe. As it is the nesting season unfortunately nothing can be done at this stage but the situation will continue to be monitored.*

Parish Footpaths: *Cllr Fielder was still waiting to hear from Sarah Potter*

Playing Field: *Cllr Starling said there was nothing to report at this stage but she would liaise with Tiara reference Park Friday's.*

Street Lighting: Ref to LED lighting

TDALC: Nothing to report

Transport: Cllr Roe said there was not much to report as the list of changes to buses were for the whole of Essex and the only one mentioned for this area was that the bus travelling from Gt. Clacton to Clacton was now stopping at Asda.

Thorpe in Bloom: Cllr Carpenter said all donations being received for the Floral Baskets were going to be given to local charities.
Special Thanks were paid to Liz and April who are really doing a sterling job with the large pots adjacent to Gull Court.

Village Greens: Report given under Tree Wardens Report.

Superfast Broadband: Nothing to report.

War Memorial: Nothing to report.

Clerk said as she will be away from 31st August to 16th September, rather than change the September meeting it would probably be better if somebody could take the minutes and suggested Maria Johnson be asked. The Clerk said obviously a charge would be incurred and this would be discussed at the next meeting when Maria has been asked.

Date/Time/Venue of next meeting is:

MONDAY 14th August 2017 7.00 PM AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM

Close of Meeting: There being nothing further to discuss the meeting at 9.50 pm

