

**Minutes of Thorpe-le-Soken Parish Council meeting held:
Monday 9th November 2015 7.00 pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom.**

Present: Cllrs: Daniel Land Chairman, Jose: Powell Vice-Chairman
Blandford, Hurton, Raftery, Roe, Cty Cllr Andrew Erskine, Roger Hawes Tree Warden
& approx 8 Members of Public.

Apologies: Cllrs: Ewart, Fielder & Rich.

Declaration of Members Interest: Cllr Hurton - pecuniary interest in planning application 15/01596/FUL
Cllr Powell – non-pecuniary interest in planning application 15/01596/FUL

Confirmation of Minutes & Monthly update: Minutes & Monthly update of last meeting held 9th November 2015, having previously been circulated, were agreed as a True Record & signed by the Chairman.

Public Participation: Mrs Paddy Ward who lives in Suffolk House, High Street opened a debate that is a major concern of a lot of residents in the village especially those who live along High Street & that is:

- Horrendous amount of Traffic including very large articulated lorries passing through the High Street
- Speed of Traffic **The Chairman produced a petition and file that had been given to him by Nedreta Brown. The petition has been signed by at least 500 residents.,**
- Due to building permission being granted to the rear of Harry's Bar, & the lack of parking at Tesco's and The Doctors Surgery for their staff, this has reduced the amount of available parking facilities for residents who want to shop locally, thus causing more vehicles to park along the already congested High Street.
- Exiting onto the busy road is very difficult for residents who live along High Street and who have parking to the rear of their properties as there are no sight splays, and with the road lines being very faint they are being ignored by the motorists and it takes many maneuvers and a risk to get out.
- Residents agree that it was their choice to live along the High Street but during the past 5 years the situation has become at least 90% worse, the traffic in general is Horrendous, and the structures of the very old quaint listed buildings within the Conservation Area are vibrating when these very large lorries pass through, especially between the hours of 7pm – 7am when there is less traffic about and the speed increases.

Alan Newman asked the following:

1. How many EE customers were still without a signal in the village as he was going to put all the correspondence onto an e-mail to EE. Cllr Raftery said he previously had no signal so rang EE who were very helpful and sent him a Signal box, now he has a perfect signal. Advice was given for all residents without a signal to Contact EE.
2. Did the PC know of how many people responded to the planning application for Frinton Road. The Chairman said he thought there had been about 62 comments but told Alan he could go onto the Portal.

Chairman's Report:

2nd Green – Community Gathering: Special Thanks were paid to Graham, Roger, Kevin and everybody who went along and got involved with the clearance on 2nd Green.

Proposed Frinton Road Development: Application was Recommended Refusal by the PC. A letter has been received from the applicant's solicitor who are counter arguing the PC's reasons. Concerns continue, there are still questions to be answered and a couple of points require clarity. It is also anticipated that TDC Planning Committee will meet sometime in December to discuss the application. Both a PC Councillor & Member of Public will be allowed to speak and a 3minute slot will be allocated for each to give their views.

Bench adjacent The Bell: Special Thanks were paid to Danny Kimble who refurbished & repaired the bench. Compliments have already been received that the bench looked very nice.

Tending District Local Plan – Concern continues with the uncertainty of not knowing exactly how many properties are to be built & where. Residents are quite rightly of the opinion that 6% housing of the total population is allowed and queried numbers regarding The Maltings and Allotments site that have already been approved. A further district meeting is being held Thursday 12th November.

Private Security Firm: Further enquiries made and it was confirmed that 500 properties are required to register to make it worthwhile, the shifts are 12 hour slots with 3 checks being carried out per shift for £2 p/wk.

Christmas Festival: There are major concerns for the Festival Evening as the Police were not available to help with the road closure but Jill member of committee is persevering with her enquiries.

SWAT (Surface Water Alleviation Team) It has been noticed that recent surveys have/are being carried out in the village and councillors are hopeful that this is a start to getting the drains sorted.

Police Report: For more in depth information refer to November Agenda.

Further concern was raised regarding the inconsiderate parking along Landermere Road by parents who are picking children up from TTC. Cars are being parked on the yellow lines and too close to the entrances of residents driveways. In the past Les Barnes the previous PCSO took it upon himself to try & solve the problem **Firstly** by giving a word of warning, **Secondly** a Notice was handed out and **Thirdly** a fixed fine was given. Cty Cllr Andrew Erskine said he would ask ECC to look at the problem to see if there was anything that could be done. The Chairman Said “he would also try to have a word with PC Rachael Ashcroft who has taken over from Les”.

Monthly Update: For more in depth information refer to November update sheet.

Correspondence/e-mails: Refer to November Agenda.

New Planning Applications: For more in depth information refer to November Agenda

The following Tree applications were left to the decision of TDC’s TPO Tree preservation Officer)

15/01553/TCA, 15/01499/TCA, 15/01661/TCA, 15/01662/TPO,

TCA - this means the tree is within the Conservation Area, it is automatically protected therefore requires consent.

TPO - this means the Tree has a Preservation Order on it.

15.01507/FUL, 15/011097/FUL, 15/01546/LBC, 15/01569/FUL, 15/01325/FUL: **No Objection**

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

Cheques 002087 – 002094 incl. £1763.08

Standing Orders: £581.85

Current Account: 28th Aug £6650.72
28th Sept £5358.44

Business Account: 30th Aug. £30364.66
9th Sept £30365.91

For more in depth information regarding the above accounts, refer to November Agenda.

Sub –Committee Reports:

Tree Wardens Report: Roger said he was very pleased with the works that had been achieved on 2nd Green but there was more work to done and hoped that a further gathering would be arranged.

TDALC: Nothing to report.

District Councillor’s Report: Cllr Land

County Councillor’s Report: Cllr Erskine gave updates on various items throughout the meeting.

Playing Field: Roger was asked to look at a tree that is on the playing field to the rear of No 2 Council Houses, Frinton Road.

Lockyers Wood: Nothing to report

Highways/Pavements: Cllr Blandford reiterated what had previously been reported regarding the Parking problem in Landermere Road

Parish Footpaths: In Cllr Fielder's absence The Chairman was asked to give the following report: Cllr Fielder has said he will be out with the strimmer on Saturday morning & arrangements have been made with him to meet with Sarah Potter, ECC.

Street Lighting: Lights not working: One on Memorial Triangle, One in Byng Crescent and a Cty Light – on bend adjacent First Green.

Thorpe in Bloom: Nothing further to report at this stage.

Village Greens : Cllr Roe re-iterated what had previously been said and thanked everybody who voluntarily gathered on 2nd Green to help with the clearance. A lot of work had been achieved on the day and it included cutting down 30 yds of Willow Tree. Sid has also carried out his final cut and everybody can now see exactly how big The Green is. There is also an 8 ft Austrian Pine Tree growing in the ditch and a spinney that was planted by Rolph School Children many years ago was cleared of all undergrowth.

Ex Councillors Event: This has now been cancelled until the New-Year.

Items for consideration at next meeting: Cllrs are reminded to let The Clerk know of any items for consideration at the next meeting 7 clear working days prior to date of meeting.

Date/Time/Venue of next meeting: Monday 11th January 2016 – 7.00 pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom

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