

**THORPE LE SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD:  
7.00 PM MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014 AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Land Chairman, Powell Vice Chairman, Cannons, Chrystal, Ewart, Healey, Holt, McHale, Newman, Roe and County Cllr Andrew Erskine.

**APPOLOGIES:** None.

Minutes of the October 2014 meeting, having previously been circulated, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman after a couple of spelling errors were corrected. Cllr Powell, Vice Chairman was thanked for standing in for The Chairman during his absence and taking the September meeting.

**Declaration of Interest:** Cllrs Roe & Chrystal - Planning Application 14/001158/FUL Rose & Crown

**Police Report:** No report received

**Public Participation:** No public present at meeting.

**B1033 Colchester Rd Thorpe:** ongoing problems at various locations from o/s Coolmore Lodge to Tendring Road.

**Memorial Bus Stop:** Although this matter is constantly being reported it has not satisfactorily been dealt with & the PC will now request that the constant flooding around The Memorial and Station Road junctions be added to the proposed scheme from Tendring Road to Coolmore Lodge.

Cllr Healey said the area does not tend to flood as much when the drains have been jetted and if they were jetted more regularly it may help to solve the problem.

**Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman has been approached by a resident who lives in High Street regarding a redundant property behind Tesco's that is attracting the youth and has asked if the Parish Council could write a letter to TDC. Discussion held and it was agreed that it was a matter for the Police.

Command Pest Control had to be called out due to Mole Hills being on the playing field and interfering with the football matches.

Flooding was a big topic discussed at this evenings meeting that was due to the extreme weather and heavy downpours that we have be experiencing. The majority of the village is suffering some flooding but major areas of concern are at frequent intervals from Tendring Road to Coolmore Lodge, Doctors Surgery, adjacent the Lytchgate, the Memorial Bus Stop where the footpath and road are completely underwater and the Station Road Y junction with Abbey Street that is also flooded and underwater by at least 4 inches. A further major concern has been for residents who live at Charfield on The Square and have had to put sandbags out to prevent the water from entering their property. The Chairman said that Thorpe had suffered from flooding for some time now and due to there being nothing done it has now become a very serious issue that is not acceptable and the Clerk was asked to write to Eddie Johnson Deputy Cabinet Member for Highways with a copy being sent to Douglas Carswell MP asking for any help he may be able to give.

Cllr Ewart said it was becoming a human barbaric issue, as patients were having to wade through water to get to the Doctor's Surgery.

**Golf Course:** The Chairman said he had been chasing Chris Stathers TDC Planning Enforcement Officer for an update but to date has received no reply but did say that the applicant has withdrawn his previous application and is now having work done on the land to make it look more accessible.

**Broadband:** Most of the properties in Thorpe now have high speed available it has been brought to attention that due to Openreach not putting enough cables in, all properties may not be connected.

**Clerk's Report:** Refer to enclosed October Action Report

**Correspondence:** Refer to October Agenda for more in depth information.

**New Planning Applications:** 14/01158/FUL, 14/01388/DETAIL and 147 01386/FUL **No Objection**  
14/01366/TCA and 14/01359/TPO **Leave to decision of Tree Officer**  
14/01404/TELLIC **Information only**  
14/01335/FUL **Rec. Refusal for following reasons:** 01 Over Development of site  
02 Ribbon development  
03 Out of keeping with neighbouring properties  
04 Exceeds settlement development limit

Cllr Newman produced a copy of the CIF map showing future planning proposals that will affect the village and said it is essential that all planning applications received after printing the agenda should be allowed to be discussed at the meeting. **Clerk to speak to Joy Darby EALC** Other Cllr's said that the map was a duplicate of what was already shown in the Local Plan.

**Cheques for Signature:** The following cheques presented for payment & approved by Councillors.

001995 - 002002 incl. £2190.40 **Direct Debits:** £600.87

For more in depth information refer to September Agenda.

**Tree Wardens Report:** No report as Roger was not at meeting.

**TDALC:** Catherine Boyer-Besant gave a talk re Emergency Planning. Each PC should have an Emergency Plan with at least 3 points of contact. The Clerk said when there is a weather warning she is always notified but should an Emergency occur out of hours telephone **Careline** 01255 22022

**District Councillors Report:** Nothing to report.

**County Councillors Report:** Cllr Erskine gave reports throughout the meeting.

**Parish Transport Representative:** No Report as Cllr Cossens was not at meeting.

#### **Councillor's Reports:**

**Playing Field:** The Chairman said that the owners of Tortworth have put up a new fence on their boundary that is abutting the Playing Field and it looks very nice.

**Highways/Pavements and Parish Footpaths:** Several footpaths are uneven and breaking up.

**Lockyers Wood:** Dumping of Tree Clippings continues.

**Thorpe in Bloom:** Payments for the Floral Baskets are steadily coming in although the baskets are looking a little bedraggled at the moment all through the summer they have looked fantastic.

**Village Greens:** Apart from being very wet both Greens are OK and have their last cuts of the year.

**Street Lighting:** Lights not working and to be reported: 2<sup>nd</sup> one in Mill Lane. Unit 9068 Abbey Crescent, casing has been knocked off. (Both of these are PC lights)

**ECC Lights:** No 10 Station Road and outside property 99 Landermere Road is flickering. All of these lights have been reported by the Clerk.

**PC Accountant:** All Councillors received a copy of a letter received from Maurice Howard regarding Financial Services for 2014/15 and Bank Reconciliation for period ending 29<sup>th</sup> August 2014 to peruse in preparation for discussion at this evenings meeting. Cllr McHale proposed, seconded Cllr Holt, unanimously agreed that the Parish Council accept the Bank Reconciliation for period ending 29th Aug 2014 and also to engage Maurice Howard to provide Financial Services for 2015/16.

**PC Website & Projector;** Ongoing, transferred to Clerks Report.

**Lady Nelson Playing Field entrance.** Transferred to Clerks Report.

**Parking Issues in Byng Crescent:** Transferred to Clerk's Action Plan..

**Date/Time/Venue of next meeting:**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 7.00 pm at The Baptist Church School Room**

## CLERK'S REPORT; 13th OCTOBER 2014 MEETING

Discussion Start Date	Issue	Action required	Action in Progress or taken after Aug meeting
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### ECC Highways, Footpaths & Flooding;

(Please Note: All Highway matters to be reported to ECC via their web-site & make sure you get a reference number)

<b>July 2013</b>	Request to review speed Limit in Golden Lane.	Ongoing awaiting update	Ongoing awaiting update
<b>May 2014</b>	Local Highways Panel -	Request for traffic calming measures Thorpe Road/Dale Hill	
<b>July 2013</b>	<u>Flooding in Village:</u> Ref: 038356	Letter sent to Cllr Eddie Johnson with copies to: Douglas Carswell MP, Cty. Cllr Andrew Erskine, Residents living at Charfield & Tortworth	
<b>Sept 2014</b>	Flooding Memorial Bus Stop Ref: 2362881	Logged with ECC by Chairman in October, <b>Clerk received telephone call from Terry Knights ECC who confirmed that a tanker would be going into the village 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. to Jet &amp; Blast all the gullies around the Memorial and again on Sunday Morning to make sure the area is clear of water for the Service.</b>	
<b>June 2014</b>	Whitehall Lane/Tendring Ref: 2336265	Road markings on Y junction needs to be re- painted, Reported 18th June & again 23/9 Matter now on Risk Assessment Waiting List.	Cllr Powell will contact ECC
<b>Oct 2014</b>	Sign and overgrowth The Spennells	Work completed – item to be removed	

### TDC Planning Issues;

<b>Aug 2014</b>	<b>Thorpe High Street:</b> Harry's Bar (previously known at Maids Head: Land Registry document has been purchased by C/man. Contact has been made with English Heritage and to find out more information it would take 21 weeks. Cllrs were asked is they wished to go ahead and a vote was taken: Cllr Newman proposed to go ahead, seconded Cllr Healey, 4 in favour, 2 against. <b>Cllr Newman has been asked if he would take this project on?</b>
<b>Aug 2014</b>	Alms type Houses to rear of Harry's Bar: Prior to meeting Cllr's received a copy of ECC comments dated 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2014 and agreed that it did not answer any questions raised.
<b>Oct 2014</b>	<b>Allotments Site, Frinton Road:</b> Clerk contacted by Richard Collins, Planning Officer TDC who is updating current scheme submitted by Bidwells. It is stated that Thorpe P.C. is willing to take on the allotments if the scheme was granted and he would like to know if this is correct. <b>Vote Taken:</b> Proposed Cllr Healey, Seconded Cllr Holt, unanimously agreed that the above statement be taken as true when the following questions were answered. 01 Will the allotments be ready for use prior to the properties being completed? 02 Water to be connected to the allotment area. 03 Could each allotment site have a shed?

**Chairman has spoken to Richard Collins and a legal agreement to stipulate points 1&2 will be drawn up but will not include item 3 for each allotment to have a shed.**

## ADDITIONAL MATTERS FOR PARISH COUNCIL ATTENTION

- Oct 2013** Commemoration of The Centenary of the First World War **Vote Taken:** Cllr Healey proposed, seconded Cllr Newman, 4 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention not to go ahead with cleaning just add Mr Philibrown's name, **Cllr Ewart to give update**  
An order has been placed with Wood-For-Stone and it is anticipated that work should be completed by the Remembrance Service.
- Oct 2014** Remembrance Day Service It was reported that The Police would no longer be controlling traffic for the service. **Letter sent to Police 14<sup>th</sup> Oct & request made to ECC & TDC for permission to close the road.**  
**Clerk received telephone call from Police 4/11 confirming that 2 Officers will be in attendance to Control the traffic but volunteers will still be required.**
- Sept 2014** Parking, Byng Cres. Ongoing
- Sept 2014** **Lady Nelson PF** Overgrowth restricting line of site when exiting: Reported to ECC
- Sept 2014** Golf Course C/M spoke to Chris Stathers-Enforcement Officer TDC to request update. **The Clerk has spoken to Chris Stathers 4<sup>th</sup> Nov and asked if he would be prepared to meet with Cllr's to discuss this matter to which he has agreed. Date, Time & Venue to be agreed.**
- Oct 2014** PC Website Update to be given by Cllr Ewart.
- Oct 2014** A & J Lighting Clerk to enquire: what the benefits would be to have LED Lights and the cost to **LED Light** change over to them - **Letter sent**
- Oct 2014** BT Infinity Broadband; letter sent to Douglas Carswell MP 4<sup>th</sup> Nov.