

## **THORPE LE SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD:**

**7.00 PM MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014 AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Powell Vice Chairman, Cannons, Healey, Holt, Newman, Roe, County Cllr Andrew Erskine, District Cllr Peter Balbirnie, R Hawes Tree Warden with K Marsden. PCSO with colleague. 4 Members of Public.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Land Chairman, Chrystal, Ewart, McHale.

**Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Roe Planning Application 14/01017/FUL Rose & Crown.

**Minutes of the September 2014 meeting:** agreed as a true record and signed by The Vice Chairman after the following amendment was made: Cllr Cossens was present at the August meeting.

**Police Report:** The following incidents were reported to The Police during the last month. **Suspicious Circumstances:** 2 in Byng Crescent. **Disturbance:** Station Road, **Vandalism:** Lifehouse Spa. The Clerk had a letter from Lifehouse regarding vandalism and asking for help. The matter was being investigated by the Police, any necessary action would be taken & the parents would be spoken to. Essex Police were now stopping monthly reports and attendance at Parish meetings. They were being replaced by weekly meetings with groups of Councils.

**Public Participation:** District Cllr Peter Balbirnie & representative for Great Bentley, Little Clacton & Weeley asked if Thorpe Parish Council would support Little Clacton in their bid to get the weight restrictions lifted on Weeley Bridge. It was causing excessive movements of heavy vehicles through both Thorpe and Little Clacton. It is understood the bridge has been checked by the Authorities and is safe to use. The PC unanimously agreed to support the request & an e-mail was sent to ECC by Cllr Cannons on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

**A member of the public** said she had come along to support Cllr Newman's request to list Harrys Bar. She was also very curious about flooding in the Village & was told that ECC had recently released an additional £1 million to deal with highways flooding. Five sites in Tendring were put forward to ECC & they included:

B1033 Colchester Road Thorpe: ongoing problems from o/s Coolmore Lodge to Tendring Road.

B1414 Rice Bridge, Harwich Road: ongoing problem. Jetting & extensive pipe repair work has been carried out.

Memorial Bus Stop: Although this matter is constantly being reported it has not satisfactorily been dealt with and the PC may have to request that the Colchester Road scheme is extended to cover the bus stop.

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.

Her final request was for an update on The Maltings: At the moment there is a current application with TDC. The PC had no objection to the proposal but did raise concerns regarding the infrastructure.

(Update since the Parish Council Meeting: The planning application to convert The Maltings and the King Edward VII Public House has now been approved by TDC's Planning Committee.)

**Two residents** expressed concerns regarding parking in Byng Crescent & asked if the Parish Council would write to TDC with a view to using part of The Green for parking. Cllrs agreed to support their request.

**The owner of Ostlers Cottage** said she has only lived there for 12 months and through lack of information received has only recently been made aware of the proposal to build to the rear of Harry's Bar. She has made an appointment to see a Planning Officer at TDC tomorrow.

**Chairman's report:** In his absence The Clerk said the Chairman would like to say Well done to the Christmas Festival Team, Smooth Grooves & the Social Club for organising a Fantastic Fete that was enjoyed by all who attended.

**Clerk's Report:** Refer to enclosed September Report

**Correspondence:** Refer to September Agenda & Addendum for more in depth information.

**New Planning Applications:** 14/01126/FUL, 14/01121/FUL, 14/01159/FUL **No objection**

14/01017/FUL **No objection but PC have serious reservations regarding parking. Any additional parking would overspill onto the High Street.**

14/01158/FUL **No Objection but as this property is within the Conservation Area, it will need listed building consent.**

14/01219/TCA **Leave to decision of Tree Officer.**

**Cheques for Signature:** The following cheques were presented for payment and approved.

In view of The Chairman's absence Cllr's Powell & Cannons will sign the cheques.

001992-94 incl. £1149.29

**Direct Debits:** £1228.65

**Received** £4767.35

For more in depth information refer to September Agenda.

**Tree Warden's Report:** Roger introduced his colleague Kevin Marsden. Between them they gave a very informative talk on their proposals after a site visit to Far Thorpe Green on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.  
(All Cllrs previously received a copy of Roger's notes)

**TDALC:** No Report due to there being no meeting.

**District Councillors Report:** Headline News - Defection of Douglas Carswell from Conservative to UKIP Election will take Place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

**County Councillors Report:** Due to Annual Leave nothing to report.

**Parish Transport Representative:** No Report

**Councillor's Reports:** Playing Field; No report.

Highways/Pavements: Nothing to Report.

Parish Footpaths: Overgrowth at entrance to The Spennells has been reported to ECC by Cllr Cannons.

Lockyer's Wood: Dumping of Tree Clippings continues.  
Treatment to Knotweed working.

Thorpe in Bloom: Payments starting to come in for Floral Baskets.

Village Greens: Discussed under Tree Wardens Report.

Street Lighting: Contractors Annual Maintenance check as per 2014-15 agreement has been carried out & sheet showing all works completed has been received.

**PC Accountant:** carried over to October meeting.

**BT's new junction box immediately o/s Lady Nelson Playing Field entrance.** Concern was expressed by Cllr Newman regarding the siting of new BT cabinet adjacent the Playing Field entrance.  
(Transferred to Clerk's Action Plan)

**Parking Issues in Byng Crescent:** Discussed under Public Participation.  
(Transferred to Clerk's Action Plan)

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

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

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 7.00 pm at the Baptist Church School Room.

## CLERK'S REPORT: 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014 MEETING

Discussion Start Date	Issue	Action required	Action in Progress or taken after Aug. meeting
<b><u>ECC Highways, Footpaths &amp; Flooding:</u></b>			
(Please note: All highway matters to be reported to ECC via their web-site & make sure you get a reference number)			
July 2013	Request to review speed Limit in Golden Lane.	7 day traffic count taken & will be discussed at next highways panel meeting with view to a speed limit. Cllrs reported a further 2 car accident.	No update available due to holidays.
May 2014	Local Highways Panel - Request for traffic calming measures Thorpe Road/ Dale Hill	Traffic Survey to be undertaken No update due to summer break.	Ongoing
July 2013	<u>Flooding in Village:</u> <b>Ref: 038356-13</b>	County Cllr Erskine: Official H/Ways document recd from Cllr Rodney Bass. ECC have released an additional £1 million & after site investigation works were undertaken. 5 flooding sites were identified in Tendring & they include the following two areas in Thorpe: A1033 Colchester Road - Coolmore Lodge to Tendring Road B1414 Rice Bridge Hill, Harwich Road (Lt Clacton)	
Sept 2014	Flooding Memorial Bus Stop	Suggestions put forward: 1 Ask for Flooding at Memorial Bus Stop to be included in with the above works. 2 Request for jetting to be carried out more often.	
June 2014	Whitehall Lane/Tendring road Y junction - all road markings need to be re-painted.	Reported 18 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Ref: 2336265</b> Checked again 23rd September	Matter has now been put onto Risk Assessment Waiting List.
October 2014	Sign and overgrowth at entrance to The Spennells	Reported to ECC	

### **TDC Planning Issues:**

August 2013	<b>Thorpe High Street:</b> Harry's Bar (previously known at Maids Head: Land Registry document has been purchased by C/man. Contact has also been made with English Heritage and to find out more information it would take 21 weeks. Cllrs were asked if they wished to go ahead and a vote was taken: Cllr Newman proposed to go ahead, seconded Cllr Healey, 4 in favour, 2 against. Due to Chairman being on holiday no further action has been taken yet.		
August 2014	Alms Houses to rear of Harry's Bar: Each Cllr received a copy of ECC comments dated 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2014.		
October 2014	<b><u>Allotments Site, Frinton Road:</u></b> Clerk has been contacted by Richard Collins, Planning Officer TDC who is updating the current scheme submitted by Bidwells. It is stated that Thorpe PC is willing to take on the allotments if the scheme was granted and he would like to know if this is correct.  <u>A vote on the matter will be recorded at this evenings meeting.</u>		
October 2014	<b><u>Golf Course:</u></b>	C/man contacted TDC 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct for update.	Awaiting reply.

**ADDITIONAL MATTERS FOR PARISH COUNCIL ATTENTION**

Oct 2013	Commemoration of the Centenary of the First World War	In Cllr Ewart's absence the Clerk was asked to give the following report: On advice received from The War Memorials Trust, No chemicals, bleach or detergents are to be used for cleaning of the War Memorial. Three requests have been made for quotes to do the work, only one replied and that was Memorial Independent Inspections: To clean the memorial: £1860.00 To Paint Posts & Chains £120.00 To add Mr Philibrown's name £400 To repaint existing letters 60p per letter.	
	Vote taken:	Cllr Healey proposed not to go ahead with cleaning the memorial, just add Mr Philibrown's name. Seconded Cllr Newman 4 in favour 1 against 1 abstention.	
Sept 2014	Re-opening of Weeley Bridge.	Verbal request made by District Cllr Peter Balbirnie Would Thorpe PC support Little Clacton PC in their plight to get the Weight Restrictions lifted on Weeley Bridge as it was causing excessive movements of heavy vehicles through Thorpe & Little Clacton. Cllrs unanimously agreed to support them.	E-Mail sent to ECC by Cllr Cannons 9/9/14
Sept 2014	Parking, Byng Cres.	C/M has spoken to TDC and will update at Oct. meeting.	
Sept 2014	<b><u>Lady Nelson. Playing field entrance:</u></b> New BT box and overgrowth restricting line of site when exiting:		Reported to E.C.C. <b>Reference 2360183</b>
Sept 2014	Golf Course	C/M spoke to Chris Stathers Enforcement Officer TDC to request update.	Awaiting reply
Sept 2014	Allotment Site	C/M spoke to Sam Metson @ Bidwells reference the Hedge Line along a piece of land adjacent the allotment site that is overgrown and obscuring two PC Lights. It was pointed out that the Digby family are still the owners of the land and Bidwells are just the agents. Sam was then asked, as a goodwill gesture, if he would arrange to get something done.	