

SUMMARY ONLY- NOT YET AUTHORISED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THORPE LE SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD:  
MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015 7.00 PM AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM.

**PRESENT: CILRS:** Daniel Land Chairman, Jose' Powell Vice-Chairman, Blandford, Carpenter, Ewart, Fielder, Hurton, Rafferty, Rich, Roe.  
Also Present: Roger Hawes Tree Warden and Alan Newman member of public.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Andrew Erskine

**Declarations of Discloseable Pecuniary Interests:** In order to comply with the Localism Act 2011 each Councillor was required to fill in sign/date (countersigned/dated by the Clerk) an up-to-date Declaration of Discloseable Pecuniary Interests Form. This will now be published on the Council's website for public inspection.

**Confirmation of Minutes & Monthly Update:** Minutes/Monthly update of last meeting having previously been circulated were agreed as a True Record & Signed by the Chairman.

**Declaration of Members Interest:** Cllr Powell declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application for a WI Grant - item 18 on the Agenda.

**Public Participation:** Roger Hawes enquired re the Savilles Board that has been put up outside The Maltings. Alan Newman a retired cllr said he would make enquiries. Alan spoke to Peter Hollis 23<sup>rd</sup> September & he confirmed that the development is still going ahead with Rosegrade remaining in the driving seat. The 'For Sale' board is only to seek buyers for various units. Secondly, Roger said he noticed a report in the local paper where Cllr Land expressed his concern regarding the chaos & disruption that had occurred in the village due to commencement of the development to the rear of Harry's Bar.

**Chairman's Report:**

**Parish Footpaths -** Strimmer has been received - arrangements were made & it is now in Cllr Fielder's possession.

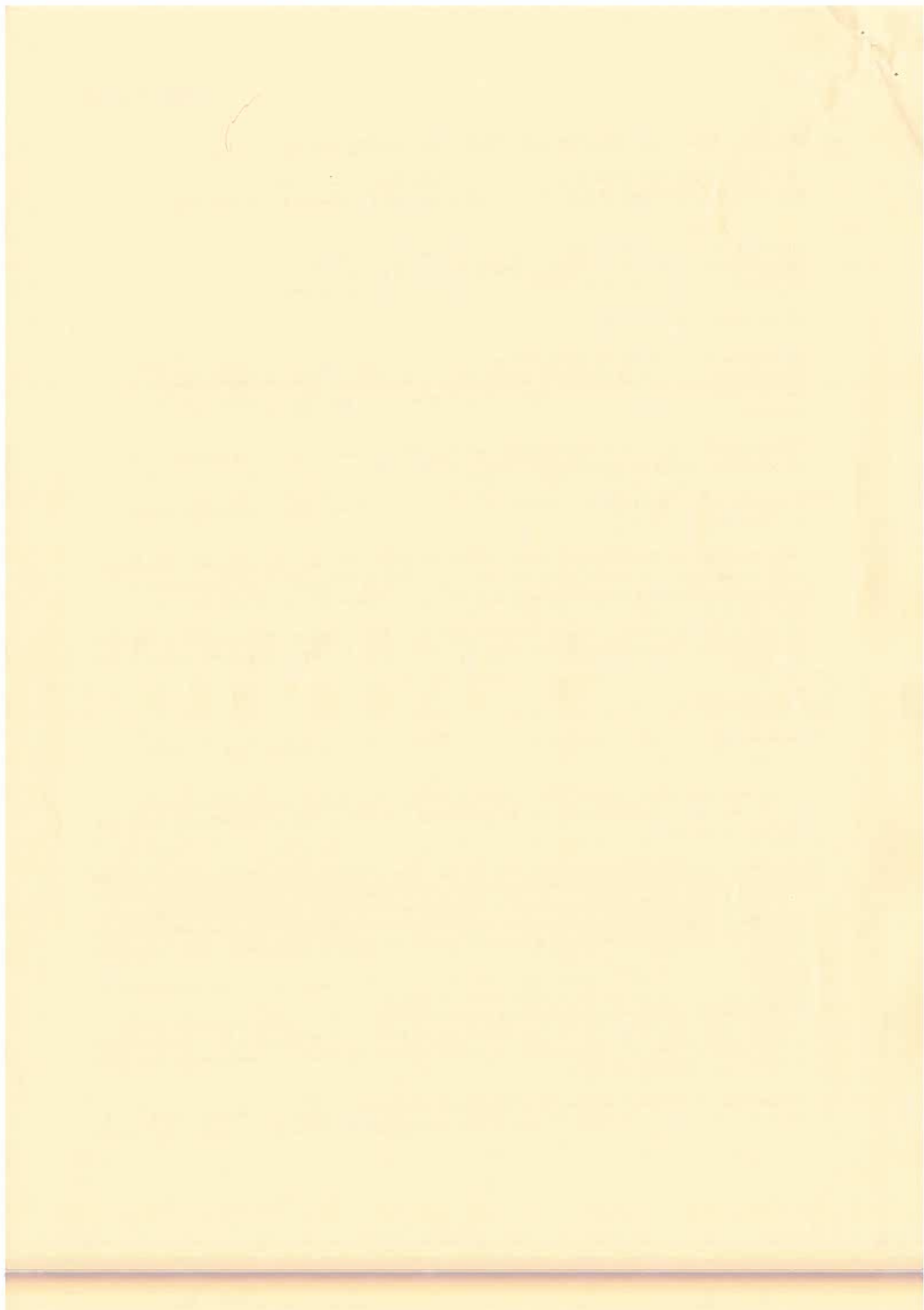
**Thanks to all Councillors:** Special thanks was paid to all Councillors for their support & Cllr Land said meetings were now very refreshing & he has a regular pattern with all councillors enabling him to communicate with them via the internet.

**Local Plan:** Cllr Land said the recent Local Plan meeting was very fruitful, a report was commissioned by Peter Brett & proposals to review findings of The Local Plan were discussed & it is to be proposed that there would be no more than 479 properties built per year & 8143 over the period of the plan. These figures are excluding any applications that have previously been approved (i.e. in Thorpe - The Maltings site, Old Allotment site Frinton Road, Forbourns Garage & to the rear of Harry's Bar, & already in excess of what is allowed in the District Plan.

Cllr Ewart gave a report on 2 recent meetings he had attended in Kirby. A group has been formed with a lobby correspondent & it is anticipated that meetings will be non-political.

Cllr Ewart said he could not express enough how important it was for residents to be aware of any proposed developments for Kirby/Walton i.e. 270 properties in Halstead Road, Care home also in Kirby for 40 residents, & 300 in Walton. These would indirectly affect the parish of Thorpe with all the extra traffic passing through the already busy & congested High Street.

**Thorpe Fete:** Special thanks were paid to everybody who contributed in making the Village Fete a very enjoyable & especially to Cllr Roe & his Wife for their colourful stall & T-Shirts representing the Parish Council.



**Security Firm:** It was brought to the attention of the meeting that a private Security Firm was now operating in Frinton & because of the excessive problems that have recently occurred in Thorpe Cllrs were asked if this was something the PC should consider. Cost involved - £100 joining fee & £2 per week per property. At this present time we cannot depend on any front line services, there will always be issues with ongoing crime & if any money was being spent it would be more beneficial to put it towards a permanent PCSO for the village.

**Soil Sampling:** The Chairman said - just to make everybody aware, a group of students from Reading University would be carrying out soil sampling towards the end of next week on 'The Greens'.

**Police Report:** The following incidents were reported to The Police for period 31/7 - 30/08/15

**Burglary:** Whitehall Lane - New Town Road - Byng Crescent shed break in, bikes/fishing gear stolen

**Obstruction:** The Spennells      **Suspicious Circumstances:** Suspicious male on bike Byng Close

**Robbery:** Lifehouse Spa      **Nuisance Neighbour:** Byng Crescent, Landermere Road, & The Spennells

3 Alarms: TTC & Rolph School False Activation, Colchester Road ?

**Criminal Damage:** Landermere Road -Rear screen of vehicle smashed

**Monthly Update on Action List:** Refer to attached sheet

**Correspondence:** For further information refer to September Agenda.

**New Planning Applications:** for more in depth information please refer to September Agenda.

15/01199/Ful - 15/01325/Ful 15//01339/Ful **No objection**

15/01296/LUEX Information only retrospective planning application

15/01385/TCA **Leave to decision of TPO**

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

002073 - 2077 inclusive £1550.38 For more in depth information refer to September Agenda.

<b>Standing Orders:</b>	£ 114.24	£ 19.04	A & J Lighting	Monthly Maint:	-----	15 <sup>th</sup> Aug
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	£ 543.90	£ 90.65	A & J Lighting	Repairs	-----	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct
	£ 162.41	£ 27.07	e-on Electricity	energy	-----	11 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	£ 162.42	£ 27.07	e-on Electricity	energy	-----	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept
	£ 17.86		BT - Office Telephone		-----	27 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	£ 19.55	£ 3.26	BT - Office Telephone		-----	28 <sup>th</sup> Sept

**Current Account** 28<sup>th</sup> Aug £ 6650.72      **Business Account** as at 37<sup>th</sup> Aug £30464.66

For more in depth information refer to September Agenda

**Tree Wardens Report:** Roger said there were 2 Dead Elms that needed to be removed on 'The Playing Field'.

**TDALC:** Next meeting Wed 23/9

**District Councillor's Report:** (Refer to Chairman's report front page)]

**County Councillor's Report:** Apologies received from Cllr Erskine.

**Sub Committee Reports:**

**Playing Field:** Cllrs Land said he was still waiting to hear from TDC re request made for some Section 106 money to Pay for drainage on the Playing Field. ✓

**Lockyers Wood:** Roger reported that the wood appeared to be ok.

**Sub-Committee Reports continued:**

**Highways/Pavements:** Nothing further to report

**Parish Footpaths:** Cllr Fielder was pleased that the strimmer had been received & he was hopeful that weather permitting he would be able to make some progress with the parish footpaths.

**Street Lighting:** All lights were checked by the Clerk prior to going on holiday & various lights were reported to A & J Lighting for attention. At the last check of the lights everything was o.k. but should anybody notice that a light is not working, please telephone The Clerk with the column No the light is on, the name of the road it is in & the property that it is adjacent to.

**Thorpe in Bloom:** Cllr Roe was pleased to report that he had now collected resident's contributions towards the floral baskets for this year.

**Village Greens :** Roger said some progress had been made on 2<sup>nd</sup> Green & it is hoped that further work would be carried out with the help of a working party from 9.00 a.m. on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 9.00 a.m.

**W.I Grant:** (Cllr Powell declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest) A Grant Application was received from Thorpe W.I. A recent project was carried out to extend the drop kerb outside The Hall & it has given better & more access to the Hall Car Park. The overall cost of the project was £1540 & the grant applied for is £600. No External Funding was received and the balance of £940 was paid for from the Hall Reserve Account, a grant would help with the ongoing maintenance of the 98 year old hall. Cllr Fielder proposed, seconded Cllr Blandford, 7 in favour, 1 abstention that the grant for £600 be approved with a cheque being presented for signature at the October meeting

**Audit 2015/16:** To discuss engagement of Internal Auditor. Cllr Land proposed Seconded Cllr Ewart all in favour that Nancy Powell-Davies be asked if she would continue to do The Internal Audit for Thorpe Parish Council.

**To Approve Quarterly Accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015** - Each Councillor received a copy of accounts prior to meeting to peruse for discussion at this evenings meeting & after a discussion Cllr Land Proposed, seconded Cllr Roe, unanimously agreed that the Quarterly Accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 be accepted.

**Items for consideration at next meeting:** None

**Date/Time/Venue of next meeting:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 - 7.00 pm at The Baptist Church School Room.

**Close of meeting:** There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.