



THORPE-LE-SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL

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April 2018

***Minutes of Meeting held Monday 9th April 2018
after The Annual Parish Meeting
at The Baptist Church Schoolroom***

Present: Cllrs: Dan Land - Chairman, Jose' Powell - Vice Chairman,
Blandford, Carpenter, Ewart, Roe, Starling
Roger Hawes Tree Warden and 7 members of public.

Apologies: Cllrs: Coulter, Fielder, Raftery, Erskine
Cllr Carpenter gave her apologies and left the meeting early.

Chairman opened the meeting and said he was pleased to see that members of the public had remained to take part in the meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes of last meeting held Monday 12th March 2018
Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a True Record and signed by The Chairman.

Declaration of Members Interest: *There were none*

Chairman's Report: *Lifthouse Spa Appeal will be no sooner than November
Pavements pot-holes and craters. All areas marked
orange are due to be repaired sometime in April.*

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Public Discussion: Chairman introduced Sabine who had come along this evening to discuss the Defibrillator that has been fixed onto the W.I. Hall. With regards to the positioning of it Sabine said, it was not the ideal place to have one, but if it could be reached within 5 minutes by one of the volunteers and save somebody's Life, that is all that matters.

Sabine said she was a resident in Thorpe le Soken and had been registered and worked with the Ambulance Service for 14 years.

She is also fully qualified and prepared to give everybody who is interested a 1 – 1 ½ hour training session and will give as many sessions as is required.

Correspondence/e-mail: For more in depth information please refer to the April Agenda.

Training Bulletin Workshop & Briefing during April & May.

GDPR Toolkit Workshop - 26th April & 3rd May - Morning Sessions (2 hours)

Data Protection Officer Briefing 26th April & 3rd May - Afternoon “

Both Cllrs Ewart and Roe said they would like to attend an all day session on Thursday 26th April. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Ewart should be reimbursed for traveling expenses. When The Clerk rang EALC to reserve two places she was told they had all been booked. As the courses have been very popular Pearl said, she was probably going to release some more dates.

EALC: New EALC Chairman introducing himself (Peter Davey)

New Planning Applications & Determinations: For more information refer to April Agenda.

18/00450/TCA Leave to decision of TPO

18/00453/FUL, 18/00315/FUL, 18/00312/FUL, 18/00134/FUL

No Objection.

18/00293/FUL Proposed two storey side extension, cart lodge & larger porch, Juxta, New Thorpe Avenue. **Rec. Refusal**

- Over development of site
- Impact on neighbours
- Impact on the Street Scene and rural character of the village
- Extremely dense development in an otherwise semi-rural area.

18/00370/FUL Mr Charlie Fillingham – Strutt & Parker (Farms) Ltd - change of use of former straw barn and surrounding land to a bus depot for use by Tendring Travel. Valley Farm, Golden Lane, Thorpe. **Rec. Refusal**

- Does the site require an Environmental Agency Permit?
- Impact on Environment
- Encroachment into the open Countryside
- Impact on Highway,

Cheques for Signature: Permission was given by all Councillor's at this evenings meeting for the following cheque's to be signed.

Cheque Nos: 002300 to 002303 £823.04 **VAT** £45.46

INCOME: **First Instalment of Parish Precept for 2018/19** **£21,392.00**

<u>Current A/C Bal:</u>		<u>Business A/C</u>	
29/01/18	£20752.84	09/01/18	30400.66
15/02/18	£19193.22	09/02/18	30401.95
16/03/18	£18268.08	09/03/18	30403.12

Direct Debits: £1070.51

Standing Orders: Total £211.22 VAT: £21.43

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St. Michael's Church. Letter received from Father Jeremy asking for an increase in St. Michael's Annual Grant money. When the Parish Council did their 2018/19 precept, unfortunately there was no increase to funding allocations precepted for but Cllr Land did propose a £500 increase on top of the current £500 grant, but as there was no seconder his vote was revoked. There was a very long discussion of mixed feelings and eventually Cllr Powell proposed a £250 increase, this was seconded by Cllr Starling the result being 4 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention.

District Land Valuer: There was no discussion as nothing to report.

GDPR I have spoken to Maurice Howard the Parish Council Accountant to see if he would consider taking this position on. In my opinion he would be the best person to do it as he already has knowledge of the PC businesses. I spoke to Maurice again today 10th, he is not aware of any forms to be signed but will make enquiries. He will be attending the GDPR meeting on the 26th April.

Christmas Lights 2018: Nothing to report

Fibre High Speed Broadband: Nothing further to report

Tree Warden: Roger Hawes

Cty Cllr's Report: Cllr Erskine gave his apologies therefore no report.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Community Liaison: Cllr Coulter gave her apologies therefore no report

Footways & Pavements: nothing to report

Playing Field: Nothing to report

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LED Lights: Nothing to report

Lockyers Wood: Cllr Roe expressed concern regarding the amount of rubbish that has been dumped in the wood and he is not just talking about about of grass cuttings it is normal household waste also. It must be made known to everybody that the woods is not a dumping place.

Parish Footpaths: Cllr Land said ECC only give Parish Footpaths one cut per year and it is not sufficient to keep them in a walkable condition so credit and thanks were paid to Cllr Fielder who looks after all the areas and keep them looking nice.

TDALC: Meeting held 28th March and the following were discussed:
Highways & Planning Comments - Land being left undeveloped after permission had been granted - GDPR: Clerks could not be the DPO as they were not suitably qualified - Every council must have a Data Protection Policy - Next meeting May 23rd

Transport: Cllr Roe – nothing to report

Thorpe in Bloom: Cllrs Roe said 29 baskets were being planted and donated to the Village again by Parkers for this year.. Cllr Land was asked if he could make

Village Greens: Joint report given by Cllr Roe and Roger Hawes

War Memorial: Cllr Ewart

Date/Time/Venue of next meeting:

MONDAY 14th May 2018 7.00pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom and will be The A.G.M of the Parish Council.

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closes at 9.45 pm.

