



## **THORPE-LE-SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 14TH MAY 2018**

**7.00 PM AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM**

**Present: Cllrs Land – Resigning Chairman, Powell resigning Vice - Chariman, Ewart, Fielder, Raftery, Roger Hawes Tree Warden and Three Members of Public..**

**Apologies: Cllrs: Blandford, Carpenter, Coulter**

**Resigning Chairman to Open the meeting: Cllr Land welcomed fellow Councillors, Members of The Public then opened the meeting and asked for nominations for a Chairman.**

**Election of Chairman: Cllr Powell proposed Cllr Land, seconded Cllr Ewart unanimously agreed that Cllr Land be re-appointed. There being no further nominations, Cllr Land was duly elected as Chairman of Thorpe le Soken Parish Council and signed a further Declaration of Acceptance.**

**Election of Vice-Chairman: Cllr Land then asked for nominations for a Vice-Chairman and proposed that Cllr Powell be re-appointed, this was seconded by Cllr Fielder. There being no further nominations, Cllr Powell was duly elected as Vice-Chairman of Thorpe le Soken Parish Council.**

**Confirmation of Minutes:** Minutes of the April 2017 meeting, having previously been circulated, were agreed as a True Record and Signed by the Chairman after the following amendments were made.

**Apologies:** Cllr Roe was present at this evenings meeting but gave his apologies for the June meeting.

**New Planning Applications (may agenda):**  
18/00604/FULL 35 Frinton Road not 36.

**Declaration of Members Interest:** There were none

**Election of Sub-Committees:**

Community Liaison: Cllr Coulter in her absence

Finance: Cllrs Ewart, Land, Roe, Clerk & Maurice

Highways & Pavements: Cllr Blandford in her absence

Lockyer's Wood: Cllrs Coulter and Roe

Parish Footpaths: Cllr Fielder

Planning: Cllrs Powell, Carpenter and Ewart

Playing Field: Cllr Starling

Street Lighting: Clerk and Chairman

TDALC: Cllr Powell

Thorpe in Bloom: Cllrs Roe and Carpenter

Transport: Cllr Roe

*Village Greens: Cllr Roe and Roger Hawes*

*Christmas Lights: Cllrs Raftery*

*Broadband: Cllr Ewart*

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***Chairman's Report:*** *Chairman was very saddened to report that John Lewis had recently passed away. John was a very popular man and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. John had lived in Thorpe for many years during which time he had his own Barber's shop in the center of the Village and was a Parish Councillor from 2002- 2011 during which time residents living in roads off Landermere Road were experiencing a lot of sewer flooding. He had many meetings/site visits with Anglian Water and eventually a holding tank was put at the end of Kenilworth Grove which helped to unblock a drain in Abbey Street/Frinton Road.*

***Highway Drainage:*** *After numerous meetings with ECC, Cllr Land said he feels confident that ECC are getting to the point when actions will be announced. ECC have also committed half of their 2018/19 SWAS allocation so major works can commence in Thorpe.*

***All the Construction sites are beavering away.***

***Street Lights:*** *The light in Frinton Road adjacent the building site has been replaced and a light in Byng Crescent that has not been working for some time has also been repaired along with the lamp near Thorpe Cross Garage*

***Local Plan:*** *Cllr Land said the first stage of the Local Plan was due to be decided on by the government inspector soon. There are more stages to go through.*

***Paws for Thought:*** *Dog Show is to be held on The Lady Nelson Playing Field on June 10<sup>th</sup>.*

***Litter Pick:*** *taking place Bank Holiday Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May*

***Public Discussion:*** *A resident who lives along Tendring Road expressed his concern regarding the evacuation of surface water into a ditch in the front of his*

*property, it does not appear to be flowing down the ditch to Beaumont Bridge where it discharges into the Brook.*

*Peter Canons (member of public) said if you are having Land Drainage Issues then contact either TDC Public Health Issues or ECC Environmental as a Landowner always have a right to discharge to lower ground.*

*The resident said he contacted Cllr Land some 18 months ago regarding the problem. Cllr Land said this is one of the hardest things that he has had to deal with and it is still going on with nobody wanting to take the responsibility for the problem.*

*It appears that this could relate to an oversight on the planning application. The Builder clearly stated that there was main drainage where in actual fact all the surrounding properties are on Septic Tanks.*

*This is purely a mechanical problem that needs to be dealt with, TDC are still the Legal Authority and if they cannot do it then ECC must.*

*The following concerns were expressed by a resident who lives in Landermere Road.*

**1.** *Concern re Building Development at end of Landermere Road – It was alleged that Warning Signs put up did not comply with the safety Regulations therefore was causing major traffic problems*

**2.** *Residents who live in Whitehall Lane are struggling with their Broadband. Cllr Ewart recommended that they look at The Essex Broadband Map.*

**3** *The W. I. Hall has problems with its Heating and The Parish Council were asked if TDC would release some of the Section 106 money. The Chairman said there may also be other ways of raising some funds and said he would make enquiries.*

**4** ***Ditch in Golden Lane:** The Culvert under Golden Lane is blocked and needs cleaning*

**5** *Concern expressed regarding a number of burglaries that have taken place in Landermere Road and the village as a whole. Parish Council were asked if they would relay the residents' concerns to The Police.*

The reason for a larger volume of traffic using Landermere Road is due to the A.120 minor repair work that is being done.

**Correspondence/e-mails:** For further information please refer to May 14<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

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- EALC: Update on GDPR & Data Protection Bill
- TDC “Tommy” on Tour of Tendring Discussed under item 17 on Agenda.
- Sid Hutchby & Sons Ltd., Grass Maintenance First and Second Greens,
- Came & Company: Policy Renewal for period June 2018 to June 2019

**New Planning Applications:**

**18/00251/FUL - 18/00591/FUL - 18/00604/FUL No Objection**

**Planning Determinations:** For more in depth info: refer to May Agenda

**All Councillors at this evening’s meeting approved cheques for signature & agreed D/Debits & S/Orders:**

**INCOME:** T.D.Council - 1<sup>st</sup> Installment of Parish Precept - £21,392.00

**Cheque No:** 002304 - 002307 £3327.34      **VAT:** £267.89

**Current A/C Bal:** £34,196.50      **Business A/C** £30,404.41

**Standing Orders:** £165.44      **VAT** £12.91      **D/D’s** £1070.51

**Revised Code of Conduct** (all Town & Parish Councils in the Tendring District are invited by the Monitoring Officer to adopt the same Code for their own Councils) After a discussion Cllr Ewart proposed, seconded Cllr Land that Thorpe le Soken adopt the same Code as TDC.

**Risk Assessment:** Cllr Ewart Proposed that the Parish Council accept the Risk Assessment. This was seconded by Cllr Land and unanimously agreed.

**Financial Regulations:** Cllr Ewart Proposed that the Parish Council accept the Financial Regulations. This was seconded by Cllr Land and unanimously agreed.

**To agree and accept the Draft Asset Register:** Cllr Land Proposed that the Parish Council accept the Draft Asset Register, seconded Cllr Ewart, unanimously agreed.

**Christmas Lights 2018:** The Council has taken over arranging the Christmas Lights from Mr Peter Harrison who has been very helpful with all the advice and information that he has given. Cllr Raftery will now be in charge of implementation.

**Fibre High Speed Broadband:** Nothing to report

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World War 1:** Cllr Ewart said the 'Tommy' figure was a very emotional piece of equipment and would welcome being able to take part in the tour of Tendring. After a discussion it was decided that Cllr Raftery would approach TTC to see if it could be housed in their foyer for a couple of weeks Cllr Ewart also said that he thought it would be an appropriate time to get the Memorial cleaned, After a discussion a vote was recorded, and Cllr Roe proposed, seconded Cllr Land that arrangements be made to get The Memorial Cleaned. 4 in Favour, 2 abstained, 1 Against.

**Tree Warden's Report:** Roger Hawes

**County Councillor's Report:** Cllr Erskine Due to apologies there was no report

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

**First Green.** Request for a letter to be sent to the Open Spaces Committee TDC Council Offices for permission to fell an old Oak Tree adjacent Weeley Road. Cllr Roe said it could then be made into a seat. Other work that has been carried out is Coppiced behind the pole. Cllr Roe said he has been unable to get in touch with Cllr Coulter but feels sure that when he has spoken to her there will be more to report.

**Street Lights:** Lights have been repaired by A & J Lighting with the exception of 1 that had been overlooked and not reported o/s Mr Harrison's in Golden Lane.

**Transport:** Cllr Roe said he has two meetings to attend the 19<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May.

To agree payment for Maria Johnson who will be sitting in for the Clerk at the June meeting. (Chairman declared an Interest)

Cllr Starling agreed that Maria be paid £50, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Fielder, Unanimously agreed.

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

Date/Time/Venue of next meeting:

**MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 7.00 pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom.**

**Apologies received from The Clerk and Cllrs. Fielder & Roe.**

**Close of Meeting:** There being nothing further to discuss meeting closed 8.50pm