

**THORPE LE SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AFTER THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015**

**Present:** Cllrs: Land Chairman, Powell Vice Chairperson, Cannons, Chrystal, Holt, Newman, Roe.

**Apologies:** Cllrs: Healey, Cty Cllr Erskine.

**Confirmation of Minutes & Clerks Report of last meeting held Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March.**

Minutes of the March meeting having been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed as a True Record and signed by the Chairman.

**Declaration of Members Interest:** Cllrs Cannons & Roe- Non Percuniary:  
Planning Application No 15/00334/FUL

**Police Report:** Refer to April 2015 Agenda

Les Barnes had been invited to attend the meeting and was presented with a framed certificate of thanks for the help that he had given to the village during his 7 years as a PCSO. Les was a well respected Officer and will be greatly missed, but he was wished every happiness in his retirement

**Public Participation:** Debbie & John Massay who live next door to The Prince of India said she was here on behalf of the residents and to ask for P.C. help. Concern was expressed regarding the amount of rubbish and builders waste that is accumulating in the rear garden of The Prince of India. Concern was also expressed re a large workhouse with an asbestos roof that is also in the garden. The property is a Listed Building with a public footway and entrance to Mill Lane to the side. Cllr Roe said he was the Asbestos Awares Officer at work and said there was a condition of plan to remove the asbestos and it had to be carried out by a firm who was licensed by the Environment, but TDC will take 48 Kilo FOC and Colchester will take 40 Kilo FOC. The chairman said the matter would be investigated with appropriate letters being sent.

Tara Taylor a resident who lives to the rear of the Green in Byng Crescent expressed concern re the permanent bollard that had been put in stopping any vehicle entering to their property with deliveries. Cllr Land said he would ask TDC Legal department to investigate the matter and let him have their findings.

**Chairman's Report:** Cllr Land said the Parish Council was now moving towards a new era as we enter into both District and Parish elections on the 7<sup>th</sup> May.

The Clerk said it has been confirmed by TDC that there will be no Parish Election in Thorpe as insufficient nominations were put forward and there are 7 vacancies that have to be filled by co-option. This means that James Ewart, Daniel Land, Jose' Powell and Graham Roe stood validly nominated and were duly elected without a contest.

**Clerks Report:** Refer to enclosed April Report/Action List

**To consider new Planning Applications received:**

15/00301/FUL - 00334/FUL - 00357/FUL – 00382/FUL

Due to no planning applications being available at the meeting The Chairman asked The Planning Committee to arrange a meeting to make a decision on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Land proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Chrystal, all in favour that the committee's comments then be sent to TDC.

**Correspondence:** Refer to March. 2015 Agenda



Cheque Nos: 002038 and 002039 total £778.12

**Above cheques payable to Clerk & HMRI were dated 5<sup>th</sup> April to keep in line with end of Tax Year & agreed for Signature at a PC meeting held Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**

Cheque Nos: 002040 – 002041 - 002042 total £ £850.50

**Direct Debits:** £212.24

**Reserves A/C as at:** 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 £30358.25      **Current A/C as at:** 26<sup>th</sup> March £2011.80

**Tree Wardens Report:** Roger reported removal of a Beech Tree adjacent the Litchgate in the Churchyard.

**TDALC:** Cllr Cannons said there was no speaker at the last meeting but there was discussions amongst councillors.

2 items of interest: New Act of Parliament – PC minutes must be on web-site within a month.

A new Transparency fund is set up to provide funding to small councils to help them meet

The requirements of the new Transparency Code for Small Authorities this will be

administered by NALC & delivered by county associations. The Clerk will make enquiries.

**District Councillor's Report:** No report

**County Councillor's report:** No Report

**Parish Transport Representative:** No Report

**Councillor's Reports:** Playing Field:  
Highways/Pavement:  
Lockyers Wood:  
Parish Footpaths  
Thorpe in Bloom:  
Village Greens:  
Street Lighting:

**No further reports were given for the above**

**Speed, Station Road:** Letter to be sent to ECC

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

**MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015 7.00 PM AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOL ROOM  
AND WILL BE THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Close of meeting:** There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 8.40pm