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**Ref: 2016/17-1**

**Minutes of Thorpe-le-Soken Parish Council** meeting held Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 after The Annual Parish Meeting 7.00 pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom.

**Present:** Dan Land-Chairman, Jose' Powell- Vice Chairperson, Blandford, Carpenter, Ewart, Fielder, Raftery, Rich, Roger Hawes – Tree Warden and One Member of Public.

**Apologies:** Cllr Roe & Cty Cllr Andrew Erskine

**Confirmation of Minutes & Monthly Update** of last meeting held Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 having previously been circulated, were agreed as a True Record & Signed by The Chairman.

**Declaration of Members Interest: None**

**Public Participation:** The following matters were raised by Alan Newman:

- Sewerage to rear of Harry's Bar
- Tending Road has not been reinstated as it was prior to work being carried out.
- With the amount of properties that are being built no consideration is being given to the infrastructure, utility services or doctors & schools that are full to capacity.  
A recent enquiry was made to see how many local children attended Rolph School & it was 50%.
- Consideration should be given to set aside land for a By-Pass.

**Chairman's Report:**

**Barnards Alley/Paradise Alley:** enquiries have been made & it would appear that the problem could be caused by a blockage under the Bowls Club green.

**Hanging Basket Brackets:** Chairman received a verbal quotation to make the brackets for approximately £60 per bracket. Cllr Powell proposed, seconded Cllr Fielder unanimously agreed that 6 be ordered & paid for by PC.

**Development:** Housing application – Landermere Road. Clerk has spoken to Scott Martin at Scott Properties who is the agent representing Strutt & Parker. He would like to come along to a PC meeting to discuss proposals to the East of Landermere Road but first of all it is his intention to make arrangements for a public viewing of the proposed plans so any questions may be asked. Clerk asked that consideration be given to those who work & it was verbally agreed that the viewing will continue until 7 pm.

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**Chairman's Report continued:**

**Dale Hill:** After 2 years ECC (LHP) have finally agreed to spend £15000 on signage & Road Markings.

**Scout Hut Car Park:** Having used his District Council contacts The Chairman said he was able to get the Scout car park surface improved. The area is very popular with people using the playing field, local groups who use The Scout Hut & people using the recycling centre. The bottle & can unit has been removed as regular household collections are made.

**Whitehall Lane:** Everybody is aware that a lot of remedial work has been carried out in Whitehall Lane but unfortunately not repainting of the missing white line markings. been They will not be replaced as they are not deemed as urgent Cllr Powell expressed her concern & feared there could be a serious accident without them.

**Councillor Communication update:** Chairman said to the best of his knowledge all councillors are informed of all meetings to do with The Parish Council i.e. via notice boards, web site & village magazine, It is not the duty of The Clerk to advertise or arrange for all viewing consultations of proposed plan, it is up to the agents to do that, but if she was asked if a notice could be put in the notice board then of course she would oblige.

**I.D. Badges:** Chairman e-mailed designs to councillors for their opinions Cllr Carpenter proposed, seconded Cllr Ewart the blue backing 5 in favour, Cllr Fielder was in favour of a white background.

**Police Report:** No report was received

**Correspondence/e-mails:** Refer to March Agenda for more in depth information.

**Monthly Update:** Refer to Action Sheet

**New Planning applications )**

16/00289/LBC- 16.00291/FUL-16/00315/FUL No Objection

**16/00349/FUL** Detached Garage, extension & alterations, The Croft, New Thorpe Avenue No objection to the application but we do question why the applicant is proposing to put a garage to the front of the property when in our opinion there is ample space to the side. Should this be approved then it could set a presedent for future applications. We also notice that there a lot of mature trees along New Thorpe Avenue & on the boundary of the Croft. No doubt some of these trees have TPO's on them but we would request that a Tree Officer visits the site & puts a Tree Preservation Order on the trees on the boundary of the Croft.

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**Cheques:** 002133- 0021235 incl: £1036.28      *Standing orders:* £162.41  
Current A/C £494.65 up to 29/3/16      Business A/C £30373.49 up to 9/3/16

**For more in depth information please refer to the April Agenda.**

**Tree Wardens Report:** Roger said no further work will be carried out on The Green until the Autumn.

**T.D.A.L.C:** Report given by Cllr Powell

**District Councillor's Report:**

**County Councillor's Report:** No report due to Cllr Erskine giving his apologies.

**Sub-Committee Reports:**

**Playing Field:** Nothing to report

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

**Lockyers Wood:**

**Parish Footpaths**

**Parish Street Lights:** There were no failures to report. On going home this evening 1 on The Memorial Triangle was not working.

**Thorpe in Bloom:** Cllr Carpenter confirmed that 21 baskets had been ordered. ( Invoice has now been received from Parkers cost per basket is £84.00 plus £16.80 VAT)

**Village Greens:** Refer to Tree Wardens report above

**Tendring Residents Group:** As Cllr Ewart

**Parish Web-Site:**

**Village Welcome Signs:** Various options & possible designs were discussed as a way forward to be considered for when doing the 2016/17 annual precept. t

**New Bus Shelter** junction of Colchester Road/Tendring Road: A new shelter has been put up and the bench was taken away. Cllr Land has now been approached regarding the bench and has been told that it was a memorial bench, so now enquiries are being made to see if anybody can provide the PC with any information relating to the bench, and if so, please contact either Cllr Land or The Clerk.

**Queen's Birthday** carried over to May meeting allowing Cllrs more time to ponder over what could be done.

**Items for consideration at next meeting:**

- Use of Oak Close as entrance to Allotments. Cllr Raftery

**Date/Time/Venue of next meeting:** The May meeting will be **The Parish Council AGM** and is to be held on:

**MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 7.00 PM at the Baptist Church Schoolroom.**

**Close of Meeting:** There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.20 pm