



THORPE-LE-SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting held Monday 10th April 2017

7.00 pm at the Baptist Church Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllrs: Land Chairman, Powell Vice-Chairman, Blandford, Carpenter, Ewart, Roe, Starling.

APOLOGIES: Coulter, Fielder, Raftery

ALSO PRESENT: Roger Hawes Tree Warden and 5 Members of Public.

Confirmation of Minutes: Minutes of the April 2017 meeting having previously been circulated were agreed by all Cllr's at this evenings meeting as a True Record and Signed by The Chairman.

Declaration of Members Interest: Cllr Carpenter non-percunary planning application 00378/FUL and Cllr Powell- non percunary planning application 00388/OUT

Public Participation. Mr & Mrs Hubshall , residents who live in Mill Lane, were present at this evening's meeting and participated in various discussions concerning the village.

Chairman's Report: Chairman gave a general update on The Local Plan, Developments in the village and LED Lights.

Monthly Update: Nothing further to report.

Correspondence /e-mails: For more information, please refer to April 17 Agenda.

TDC Planning Determinations: For more information please refer to April Agenda.

New Planning Applications discussed at this evenings meeting:

17/00368/TCA & 17/00433/TPO Leave to decision of TPO

17/00378/FUL No objection 17/00407/FUL & 17/00408/LBC No Objection

17/00446/FUL No Objection (for more information refer to April 27 Agenda)

17/00387/OUT Three Detached single storey dwellings, Parkers Nurseries, **Rec. Refusal** Outside the Village Settlement Boundary/Access, adjacent a very dangerous bend/Further impact on the already suffering infrastructure

17/0388/OUT Outline planning application with all matters reserved for erection of one dwelling, Land opposite Bradley Hall Farm, Whitehall Lane. **Rec. Refusal** Unwanted expansion into the Open Countryside/Outside the village settlement boundary

17/00440/OUT Outline application for the construction of up to 200 residential units, up to 92 supported and independent care units, 50 luxury holiday units, a health centre, 1000 square metres of business units, 20 space car public car park together with vehicle parking, servicing, landscaping, infrastructure and ancillary works. Lifehouse Spa and Hotel, Frinton Road **Rec. Refusal**

- 1 Outside the village settlement development boundary – Impact on the historic, listed park and gardens of Thorpe Hall which are in a Conservation area.
- 2 Impact on protected species.
- 3 Urbanisation and unwanted expansion into the open countryside.
- 4 Impact on local schools.
- 5 **Crime and Disorder** – a 300 strong expansion of residential sprawl around a Spa, Open Countryside and Woodland will not marry well in terms of anti-social behaviour, petty crime and vandalism.
- 6 **Traffic:** Traffic through Thorpe is already at standstill levels at peak times and if people parked on the road instead of the pavements there would be total gridlock even more regularly.
- 7 Impact on two well used footpaths.
- 8 Impact on the **viability** of the Spa itself – who would want to visit a Spa for a relaxing peaceful time with a building site around it for five years.
- 9 **Loss of Visual Amenity:** The views from Little Clacton to Thorpe would be lost.
- 10 Thorpe would become a big retirement home with a huge persimmon residential development (not known for their quality builds) adjacent one of the most

important pieces of listed ground in Tendring – **one of three.**

- 11 TDC is now very close to its 5 year housing supply and does not need a further large scale development in a village already suffering from the accumulation of approved development in Kirby, Frinton, Walton, Little Clacton and Weeley.
- 12 TDC were not mindful to include this proposal in the emerging local plan – why would they be keen to approve an OUTLINE application.
- 13 No details of numbers of species found in the ecology report.

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

Cheque Nos: 002226/27/34 cancelled 002228 – 002236 incl = £3009.92

Standing Orders:

114.24	19.04	A & J Lighting, Monthly Maint. To be collected 15/4/17
32.21	5.37	BT Office Telephone – collected from Bank 28/3/17
187.56	31.26	e.on energy to be taken from a/c by 11 th April 2017

Current Account:	28/1/17	£19453.68	Business Account:	09/1/17	£30386.2		
“	“	28/2/17	£17865.96	“	“	09/2/17	£30387.52
“	“	30/3/17	£15524.64	“	“	09/3/17	£30388.69

At 7.55 pm and after signing the Cheques Cllr Powell gave her apologies and asked for permission to leave the meeting.

Tree Wardens Report: Roger Hawes gave a general update on all the happenings in the village over the last month.

County Councillor's Report: Due to Cllr Erskine's absence there was no report.

LED Lights: The Chairman has come up with further options for cllr's to consider in preparation for a further in depth conversation with The Accountant Maurice Howard who will invited to attend next month and give his report on the financial situation.

Sub Committee Reports:

Street Lighting: Nothing further to report, awaiting Cllrs decision LEDs

Highways & Pavements: Nothing to report

Lockyer's Wood: No report due to receiving Cllr Raftery's apologies

Parish Footpaths: No report due to receiving Cllr Fielder's apologies

Playing Field: Chairman reported that during 2016/17 an income of £225 has been received from Frinton/Walton Youth Football team for use of the football pitch. A further invoice was sent to them 27th March for £100 to cover usages to end of Financial Year.

TDALC: Nothing to Report

Transport: Nothing to report

Thorpe in Bloom: Update given by Chairman who confirmed at this evenings meeting that Parker's Nurseries have kindly said that they would donate 25 Floral Baskets and a local businessman has said he would be honoured to water the floral baskets for £500 + vat. Cllrs Carpenter & Starling both left the meeting at 8.45pm

Village Greens: Due to the Birds nesting season, no further clearance work will be carried out until the Autumn.

Village Signs: Chairman paid special thanks to Cllr Coulter for the work that she had done to get the new "Welcome to Thorpe-le-Soken" signs made. These were now in the process of being put up and should be completed by Tuesday.

Superfast Broadband: This was the latest update given by Cllr Ewart at The Annual Parish Meeting held prior to this evenings Parish Council Meeting.

ECC – Superfast – Essex – has been working to improve the interactive roll-out map at www.superfastessex.org/maps. They has now updated the interactive roll-out map to show information at property level rather than postcode level. Where known they are also providing shorter delivery time scales for Phase 2a.

The additional information may slow down the map but this is something being worked on.

If you are having trouble viewing the interactive map, please use the postcode checker on our 'Where, When and How' page.

www.superfastessex.org/where,whenandhow

The Super-fast Essex programme is set to reach 120,000 homes and businesses and provide 95% Super-fast coverage. That means there is a huge audience to reach including some 280 Parish and Town Councils that need to keep informed about where and work is happening, plus those who are not currently in plans who want to know that their alternative options are and what Super-fast Essex may be able to do for them in the future.

You may have heard that Super-fast Essex is currently planning to Extend Super-fast Broadband further still, with a Phase 3 roll-out. The aim is to extend coverage beyond 95% which is the target the programme is set to reach with the Phase 2 roll-out currently under way. Within Tendring District it is the TDC's intention that every residence and or Commercial premise should have access to Super-fast Broadband I.e. not as BT currently describe it as "up to" but actual have Super-fast Broadband Accessible by the end of Phase 3 which is due to start this year and be complete by the end of 2019.

You can read more about Phase 3 at www.superfastessex.org/whats happeningne3xt. Super-fast Essex expects to have more information about the areas due to be covered in and will share further updates as and when information becomes available.

Playing Field Maintenance: *The Clerk said that she had written to 3 contractors inviting them to Tender for the Maintenance Contract for the Playing Field for the next 3 years and the only reply received was from Danny Kimble who said that he was prepared to do the work with no incremental increase for each of the 3 year contract. Danny's Tender was discussed and it was a unanimous vote that he be offered the Tender for the next 3 years 2017 – 2020 inclusive.*

Items for discussion at March 2017 meeting: *There were none*

Date/Time/Venue of next meeting: *Monday 8th May 2017 -7.00 pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom and will be the AGM of The Parish Council.*

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