

**MINUTES OF THORPE LE SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD:
MONDAY 10TH AUGUST 2015 7.00 PM AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM.**

PRESENT: Cllrs: Daniel Land Chairman, Ewart, Roe, Rich
& Roger Hawes Tree Warden.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs: Jose' Powell, Jennifer Blandford, Matt Fielder, Bruce Hurton, Simon Raftery &
Cty Cllr Andrew Erskine,

Co-Option of a person to become a Councillor for the Parish of Thorpe le Soken:

In June each Cllr received a brief summary of Samantha Carpenter's interests & why she would like to become a Cllr for Thorpe le Soken. In her absence a vote was recorded resulting in all Cllr's being in favour of offering Sam co-option. As she was present at this evenings meeting & after a formal introduction/explanation of what is required by a person to become a Councillor Sam was asked if she would like to be co-opted onto the PC immediately or sit through a meeting this evening then make her decision to which she replied that she was happy to become a Cllr from this evening. Sam duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance & was welcomed as a Cllr onto the PC. The C/Man re-iterated what he had previously been said that should the Media approach anybody for any information regarding the PC, they are not permitted to answer any questions as a Parish Cllr & should always re-direct them to the C/Man.

Confirmation of Minutes & Clerks Report: Minutes & Clerks Report of last meeting held Monday 10th August 2015 were agreed as a True record & signed after the following amendments were made:

Front Page: Correct spelling for Cllr Raftery's name (to be confirmed)

Public Participation: last paragraph first line: Mrs Game recently made a complaint to ECC h/ways (Ref No 2411184) asking for a Weight & Speed Restriction in Golden Lane.

Page 1: Planning Application – Phil Harvey was present at July meeting not Phil Smith.

Declaration of Members Interest: None

Public Participation: None

Chairman's Report: Cllr Land

Event for ex Cllr's: Arrangements for the event are now being made by The Clerk and it was proposed that the event be held in October

Parish Footpaths: Cllr Matt Fielder is a new Cllr that was recently co-opted onto the PC. Matt frequently walks the parish f/paths & has taken on the task as the new PC representative to look after them. In order to keep the f/paths to an acceptable condition a discussion was held at the August meeting with a view to purchasing a strimmer. Enquiries have now been made & the price of a suitable Industrial Strimmer is **£317.00 + vat TO CHECK WITH DAN** It is a Honda Hand & Shrub Cutter. Safety Wear must also be considered and it was suggested that Sibbons in Wivenhoe be contacted for prices.

Food for Thorpe: Special Thanks were paid to the organizers of The Food for Thorpe event. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended & The C/Man said he was very pleased & impressed that the organisers could provide such a high profile event in Thorpe le Soken.

Thorpe Fete: The Village Fete is being held on Saturday 22nd August 12.00 pm – 5.00 pm. The meeting was made aware that **NO** vehicles would be allowed on the field after **11.30 pm** for safety reasons. The Clerk said she had spoken to Came & Company the PC Insurers and they confirmed that "If the event is being arranged by an independent group, they will need to arrange a separate, short period Special Events Policy in respect of their responsibilities".

Lifehouse/Drury Investment: Cllrs Ewart & Roe reported on a Public consultation they attended in Kirby reference the large number of properties proposed (approx 1000) i.e. Willow Farm outline for 75, End of Halstead Road - 270, Martello - 250, Turpin's Farm, Elm Tree Avenue 300

Both Cllr's said the meeting was very impressive & well attended by approx 200 – 300 people. To date not all of the proposed planning application's have been submitted, neither have they all been approved & some are for outline only, but obviously there has to be concern as any future developments in the surrounding areas will affect Thorpe with all the extra traffic that will go through the High Street.

Cllr Ewart said we must get the message around to all residents in Thorpe to encourage them to keep a watchful eye on new planning applications & to oppose any new developments in Kirby as this would be detrimental to Thorpe with all the extra traffic travelling through the High Street that is already congested.

Cllr Ewart to send e-mail about developments to all councillors.

Cllrs Land, Ewart & The Clerk met with Peter Murphy Lifehouse Spa & Tim Snow Architect to have an informal chat & discussion of proposals for future developments at Lifehouse & along Frinton Road. It is proposed that 15 high quality properties be sited along Frinton Road, approx 25-30 behind Hall Lane & some on Lifehouse land. If permission was granted for these properties Security of Tenure of the Playing Field was mentioned. The PC can only give their views on all applications & it is TDC who makes the final decision but the areas in question are within a Conservation Area and Inside the Historic Grounds and Curtlege.

TO GET COPY OF PLANS FROM DAN.

Information only: Black Tiles application was turned down due to it being within the Conservation Area. Allotments Site have now got permission to build 42 properties.

High Street – Traffic & Speed Issues: A member of public who lives in Gull Court has expressed his continued concern re the speed of traffic travelling through the High Street. A letter will be sent to The Chief Inspector with copies to ECC H/Ways & the Resident in Gull Court.

Police Report: The following incidents were reported to The Police for period 29th June - 30th July 2015

Burglary: Golden Lane x 2 - Offices broken into: Station Road x 2 - Units broken into
Obstruction: Landermere Road **Suspicious Circumstance:** males speaking to school children
Animal: Colchester Road - horses in the road
Concern for Safety: Beldams Close, Landermere Road, Station Road & High Street

Clerk's Report: To incorporate all items/actions that were discussed at the previous meeting & to give Cllr's an update on their progress. (refer to attached sheet)

Correspondence:

A120 Wix Bypass Resurfacing: Notification received - work will commence on Monday 17th August to Resurface a 2km length of the A120 c/way in both directions by the village of Wix. Road Markings, Studs & Cracks in the road surface over a 5.5km length will also be repaired in the vicinity. Completion is planned by Thursday 27th August work will be carried out between 22.00 – 06.00 on weekdays. The c/way in both directions between B1035 roundabout (Horsley Cross) & B1352 Roundabout (Ramsey) will be closed in both directions.

e-mails:

Message from Trading Standards: Itinerant Traders are operating in the Essex Area offering to paint white lines in car parks of schools, churches & parish halls etc
Came & Company: If an event is being arranged on the P.F. by an independent group they will need to arrange a separate, short period Special Events Policy in respect of their responsibilities.
EALC – Legal Update: Spotlight – Common Land

To consider the following new Planning Applications:

15/00971/FUL Proposed dwelling bungalow & garage , Land adjacent The Rock Station Road. **No Objection**
15/00976/Detail Reserved matters application following planning approval 13/01190/OUT Replacement dwelling, Hillcrest, Colchester Road. (P.C. had no objection to Application 1090/OUT therefore has not objection to this application).

New Planning Applications considered:

15/00879/OUT Demolition of existing garage workshops & erection of 8 No mixed residential units.
Forbourn Motors, High Street.

Cheques for Signature: Permission was given by all Cllr's at the August meeting for the following cheques to be signed by The Chairman & The Clerk. Cheque Numbers 002069 – 58002072 inclusive £1255.58

Standing Orders:

£ 114.24	£ 19.04	A & J Lighting - Monthly Maint: collected from bank 15 th July
£1132.98	£188.83	A & J Lighting - Annual Maint: “ “ 15 th July
£ 114.24	£ 19.04	A & J Lighting - Monthly Maint: to be collected from bank 15thAug
£ 157.18	£ 26.20	e-on Electricity – energy collected from bank 11 th July e-on Electricity - energy not rec. to date
£ 6.02	£ 1.00	BT – office telephone (collected from bank (28/7) not rec. to date

Current Account as at 28 th May	£14722.03	Business Account as at 11 th May 2015	£30360.87
	30 th June		9 th June 2015
	£12918.52		£30362.08

July Bank Statements not received at time of printing

Tree Wardens Report: Roger said he had cut the trees and brambles back where necessary at the end of Kenilworth Grove as they were obstructing the parish footpath. Everything is now ok with plenty of butterflies on the brambles.

TDALC: Cllrs Rich said the meeting proved to be very pro-active & interesting. John Gilgrid gave a long speech on Training/Planning & Awards Scheme. There is also a Local Council Awards Scheme where Councils can apply for different levels and criterias. There are also accredible schemes & all the information can be found on EALC web-site.

District Councillor's Report: Cllr Land said Cllr Roe works for Veolia & it has been brought to the PC attention that they give out vast sums of money towards revamping the community. It was suggested that maybe an application could be submitted for a skate ramp extension or Adult Outdoor Exercise Equipment. **There are only two criterias that they do not give to & that is to purchase Land or anything to do with Lighting.**

County Councillor's Report: No report as Cllr Erskine gave his apologies.

Parish Transport Rep: To be elected

Sub-Committee Reports:

Playing Field: Drainage Section 106 – an application has been made for funding & we await outcome.

Lockyers Wood: No report due to Cllr Rafrey's apologies.

Highways/Pavements: No report from Cllr Blandford due to her apologies but Cllr Land continued to express concern re the large pot-hole o/side Elm Farm.

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

Planning: Following on from a discussion at the July meeting regarding arrangements for the planning committee to meet & discuss new applications then report back to the PC meeting Further concern was raised and it was agreed subject to approval by the committee (Cllrs Powell, Ewart, Hurton & Carpenter) that an alternative day, time & venue be arranged and not 1 hour before the PC meeting. Cllr Ewart asked if he could receive the plans.

Street Lighting: Mrs Cannons had reported unit 9047 in Abbey Crescent, the cover was hanging down.. The Clerk said she could carry out an inspection of the lights prior to going away & any defects would be reported to A & J Lighting for repair.

Thorpe in Bloom: The Clerk gave Cllr Roe a receipt book so he will now collect donations for the 2015 Floral Baskets.

Village Greens : In view of a recent misunderstanding Cllr Powell has resigned from looking after the Village Greens & Cllr Roe has taken them over. On 23rd July 2014 Roger Hawes & Kevin Marsden had a site visit on Far Thorpe Green & each Cllr received a copy of their Notes & proposals of work schedule. Also, an estimate was received from Peter Foulger for work to be done at Second Green for £80 a day for Tractor/Trailer and £15 p.hour for Labour. The estimate was proposed, seconded and accepted for 2 days work. It is anticipated that a work party will be on Second Green either 21st or 31st October. (exact date to be confirmed by Cllr Roe)

Internal Audit Report 2014/15: To discuss engagement of Internal Auditor for 2015/16 (c/o to Sept. meeting)

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

PLEASE NOTE; Date/Time/Venue of next meeting: Monday 21st September 2015, 7.00 pm at The Baptist Church School Room.

Close of meeting: There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.20 pm