

**THORPE LE SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
7.00 PM MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2014 AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM.**

PRESENT: Cllrs: Land Chairman, Powell Vice Chairman, Cannons, Chrystal, Holt, McHale, Newman, Roe, Roger Hawes Tree Warden, Kevin Marsden and 2 members of public. Cllr Healey gave his apologies for arriving late.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Ewart & Cty Cllr Andrew Erskine

Minutes of the November 2014 meeting, having previously been circulated, were agreed as a True Record & Signed by The Chairman after a few spellings and amendments were made.

Declaration of Members Interest: None

Police Report: PCSO Les Barnes was present and said the following incidents were reported to The Police during period 1st Nov – 7th Dec 2014.

Door to door salesmen, Colchester Road, St Michaels Road, Landermere Road & Argyle Road.

Disturbance in Harry's Bar, High Street.

Stolen vehicle found Landermere Road.

Les also said this would be the last time he would be attending a meeting. He has been an Officer working in Thorpe for the last 7 years & now felt that it was time to move on. Hopefully his colleague Rachael who has worked with him for some time and knows Thorpe very well will be offered the position.

Special Thanks were paid to Les for his support on several issues and Cllr Cannons said we owe a great debt to him for what he has done for the Village over the last 7 years, he will be missed by everybody and was wished the very best luck for the future.

Public Participation: Mr & Mrs Offord said as Mr & Mrs Kirkham who lived in Ostlers Cottage were on holiday, they were here to support them in opposing the recent planning application for the erection of a one bed Gate Lodge Dwelling to the rear of Harry's Bar.

Chairman's Report:

- 01 Resignation of Les Barnes – During a discussion Cllr Cannons said by way of expressing gratitude for the work that Les had done in the village he suggested that a Certificate of Appreciation be presented to him. This was proposed by Cllr Land, seconded Cllr Holt & unanimously agreed. Chairman said he would send a Letter to The Chief Inspector and make enquiries regarding a certificate.
- 02 Special Thanks were paid to Cllr Chrystal and his Colleagues for making the Christmas Event such a successful evening that was enjoyed by all who attended.
- 03 Special Thanks were paid to the Students from TTC who had recently collected all the rubbish and cleared the debris along the footpath in Station Road. A letter of thanks will be sent to TTC.
- 04 The Dog Bin has now been put up at the end of the Bridleway is St. Michaels Road and is already being well used.
- 05 Special Thanks were paid to The Clerk and Councillors for all the help and support that they had given The Chairman throughout the year and everybody was wished a very Happy Christmas & New Year.

Cllr Chrystal said after chasing Festive Impact to get the lights working properly he felt that the evening went very well. The Finances are not known at the moment, but he hoped to be in a position to give a further report at the January meeting.

Clerk's Report: Refer to November Report – Action in progress or taken

New Planning Applications:

- 14/01587/OUT Demolition of existing garage, workshops & erection of 8 mixed residential units. Forbourn Motors, High Street. P.C. made it known that although they have no objection to a development on the site, they prefer and would question why the mixed development put forward in the previous application has been withdrawn.

New Planning Applications continued:

14/01689/FUL Erection of a One Bed Gate Lodge type dwelling, Land to the rear of Harry's Bar, High Street. **Recommend Refusal:** for the following reasons.

- 01 Over development of Site.
- 02 Back Land Development
- 03 Potentially dangerous access onto Busy High Street.
- 04 Visibility splay dangerous & not acceptable for existing onto High Street.

14/01759/FUL No objection.

Cheques for Signature: Cheque Nos: 002008 – 002017 Incl. £2382.32
Direct Debits: £ 131.23

Tree Wardens Report: Roger said he was now in a position to restart the proposed Management Scheme for Far Thorpe Green (known as Second Green) and has this evening given The Clerk an estimate to do some work. The Clerk said this would be itemised on the Agenda for discussion at the January 2015 meeting.

TDALC: report given by Cllr Cannons.

- 01 Long discussion re Dog Fouling and members were told that a fluorescent spray could be purchased. It has been used by a couple of councils who have said that it appears to be helping the situation.
- 02 A H/Ways Liaison Officer failed to attend the meeting for a second time.
- 03 Robert Taylor said any problems that councils may be having can be referred to the Project Panel at TDALC
- 04 A briefing is to be held 6pm Monday 12th January Topic-dealing with issues at P.C. meetings. Unfortunately as this date is the same Monday as Thorpe PC meeting the Chairman & Clerk would not be available to attend.
- 05 RCCC have a scheme where there are 3 agents available in Tendring who can go to households and help with any problems they may have.

District Councillor's Report: Nothing to report.

County Councillor's report: As Cllr Erskine gave his apologies for the meeting, there was no report.

Parish Transport Representative: As Cllr Cossens was not at the meeting, there was no report.

Councillor's Reports:

Playing Field: No matters of concern were reported but Cllr Cannons did ask The Chairman if there was Any update from Peter Bond regarding Drainage on the field to which the answer was no.

Highways/Pavements: Hole on pavement outside Elm Farm, Frinton Road.

Parish Footpaths: No matters of concern were reported.

Lockyers Wood: No matters of concern were reported.

Thorpe in Bloom: 2 further fees have been received from The Olive Branch and The Baptist Church/

Village Greens: Everything seems to be o.k.

Street Lighting: The clerk continues to regularly check the lights and any faults are reported to either ECC or A & J Lighting.

Half Year End Accounts: After a discussion and inspection of the half year accounts provided by Maurice Howard, Cllr Healey proposed, seconded Cllr Holt unanimously agreed that they be accepted.

Finance and 2015/16 Precept:

Meeting held Wednesday 5th November in attendance Maurice Howard the Accountant, Shirley Howe PC Clerk, Cllrs Land, Ewart, Healey, Holt

First Draft of Estimated Budget Report was inspected and discussed by the committee. Changes were requested to the format and where payments were allocated.

2015/16 Precept – previously discussed at Finance meeting.

After taking into consideration the estimated expenditure and income for the ensuing year, it was suggested that an increase of 20% be made to the amount received in 2014/15 which will bring the total requirement for 2015/16 to £35,568. (2014/15 was £29,640)

At this stage the Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS) is not known but will be available on the 13th January 2015 and it is anticipated that it should not have a major impact on the Tax Base.

Cllr Healey proposed, seconded Cllr Holt, that the Parish Council formally endorse the recommendation of 20% that The Finance Committee have suggested subject to a reduction of the LCTSS

Cllr Cannons said he would like to put in an amendment that the PC accept the recommendation of 20% that The Finance Committee recommended be accepted. This proposal was not seconded.

A vote was taken on Cllr Healey's proposal and resulted 7 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions.

Date/Time/Venue of next meeting:

Monday February 2015 February 2015 7.00 pm at The Baptist Church School Room.

CLERK'S REPORT: 8th DECEMBER 2014 MEETING

Discussion Start Date	Issue	Action required	Action in progress or taken
<u>ECC Highways, Footpaths & Flooding:</u>			
July 2013	Request to review speed Limit in Golden Lane.	Cllrs would like to know when the next Highways Panel meeting	Cty Cllr Erskine
May 2014	Local Highways Panel -	Request for Traffic Calming measures Inorpe Road/Dale Hill	Ongoing – Cllr Erskine
Oct 2014	Footpath breaking up Ref: 2371476	o/s Charfields, The Square. Clerk rang ECC 17 th Dec	Area inspected by ECC defect has been raised as priority 2 – work will be done within 28 working days.
June 2014	Whitehall Lane/Tendring Ref: 2336265	Y junction markings need repainting. Reported 28 th June, 23 rd Sept. 26 th Nov. 16 th Dec.	Matter given a <u>LOW PRIORITY</u>
Dec 2014	Potholes, Golden Lane Ref; 2375059	Reported 17 th Dec. Pot-Holes and drop to edge of Highway	
Dec 2014	Flooding adjacent Old Vicarage The Old Vicarage, Ref: 2327319 (C/Man) Ref: 2371306 (Ray) 2370997 (Joe 28/11)	Clerk rang ECC 17 th Dec	Matter has been inspected by ECC, a defect has been raised and it will be dealt with as a <u>PRIORITY 1</u>

ANGLIAN WATER: rang Clerk 2nd December.

Due to weather, Anglian Water have been unable to complete relining of the sewer & because ECC have an embargo on The High Street for the month of December they have programmed to restart again (weather permitting) 5th January & anticipate completion of works 9th January.

T.D.C. Planning Issues:

Aug. 2014	Harry.s Bar previously Maids Head:	Listing applied for.	Update Cllr Newman
Sept. 2014	Golf Course	Meeting in November with Chris Stathers Enforcement Officer TDC.	

ADDITIONAL MATTERS FOR PARISH COUNCIL ATTENTION.

Sept. 2014	Lack of Parking, Byng Cres.	TDC to be asked to form parking bays. Letter sent to TDC & reply received.	All Cllrs have rec. copy of reply (Refer to item 9. 6 correspondence.
Dec 2014	Lights on garages not working. Belong to TDC	Reported to TDC Repairs & Maint. spoke to Kylie (17 th Dec)	
Sept. 2014	<u>Lady Nelson P.F.</u> Ref: 2360183	BT Fibre Optic Box PF entrance BT agreed to move cabinet.	Planing app rec. to resite cabinet to outside No. 1 Council Houses.

Listed on Jan 2015 Agenda.

Oct. 2014	P.C. Website:	Catch PR have agreed to look after PC web-site	Information will be e-mailed direct when Clerk rec. computer.
Oct. 2014	A & J Lighting	Light - Mill Lane.	ARRANGE MEETING
Oct. 2014	B.T Infinity Broadband.	Letter sent to Douglas Carswell MP. Reply received.	Douglas has sent a letter to Chief Ex. Officer BT. When reply received, he will let us know.

Letters sent:

- 01 TDC Planning views
- 02 Cheques/invoices
- 03 TDC re Parking Byng Crescent – reply received refer to item 9.6 on agenda
- 04 ECC H/Ways re Weight restriction Golden Lane.
- 05 e-on re Energy cost for Street Lighting (PC lights)- reply received refer to item 9.7 on agenda.
- 06 Chief Inspector - Chairman
- 07 TTC – letter of thanks to students

ECC: Priority 1 Highest - Priority 4 Minor