

**THORPE LE SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2014 7.00 PM AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM**

PRESENT: Cllrs: Land Chairman, Powell Vice Chairman, Cannons, Chrystal, Cossens, Ewart, Holt, McHale, Newman, Roe, Cty Cllr Andrew Erskine, Roger Hawes Tree Warden & no members of public or Police.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Healey (as he is in hospital)

Minutes of the January 2015 meeting & Clerk's Report having previously been circulated were agreed as a True record and signed by The Chairman after a couple of amendments were made.

February Agenda second page - date of next meeting should have been 9th March 2015

Minutes second page 4th line from top Tree Warden's Report – estimate accepted and agreed 2 days work.

Declaration of Members Interest: Cllr Cannons – item 17 on Agenda – Dog Bins

Police Report: No report received this month. Cllr Erskine said information can be drawn down from The Police Website.

Public Participation: No public present at meeting

Chairman's Report:

01 In process of getting wording put together for certificate for Les.

02 Applied to **TENBAG** for an £800 grant towards goal posts. In 2013 Kirby Fete organisers gave a £200 donation towards new goal posts. (This is being held by the PC)

Clerks Report: Refer to enclosed February Report/Action List

To consider new Planning Applications received:

14/01928/FUL- No Objection. 15/00023/FUL if observations can be made of application.

15.00011/TELLIC **Info only** Installation of high speed b/band cabinet, o/s 1 Council House, Abbey Street.

15/00013/COUNOT **Information only** Conversion of offices to residential. Valley Barns, Golden Lane.

Clerk to enquire if observations can be made on this application.

For Cllr's information COUNOT is a planning abbreviation and means change of use notification.

Comments can be received from PC re Transport, Highways, Flooding and contamination. Cllr Powell asked to get the planning committees views so they can be sent in on behalf of the PC.

15/00023/FUL Detached House, land rear of Hawthorns, High Street. No objection to property but it was noticed that the land encroaches onto Edward Road that is a very narrow lane and public right of way.

Cllr Ewart made enquiries with TDC to see if there were any planning guidelines available for PC's to give to residents

proposing to submit a planning application and was given a very useful and interesting information pack, and any appropriate information will be posted on the PC web-site.

The Clerk had also spoken to TDC and was told:

01 there was an Interactive Guide to planning on TDC Website that can be viewed by anybody.

02 A FREE informal 30 min appointment with the Duty Planner Service is available from Monday – Friday but please remember to take as much information as possible with you.

03 A pre-application meeting is also available (**there is a cost involved with this one**) At the meeting you would be told whether or not you require planning permission and the likelihood of getting it. You would also receive a written confirmation of your meeting.

Correspondence:

9.4 Abellio greater anglia – there are no current plans to create a Drop off point at Thorpe Station Car Park.
Further letter to be sent to Abellio ref disability access.

9.5 ECC re Transport Representative meetings: refer to Parish Transport Reps. Report.

Chairmans correspondence: Douglas Carswell MP re Fibre Broadband. Refer to Clerks Report

The following Cheques were presented for signature and approved by all Cllrs at the February 2015 meeting:

00205 – 00208 inclusive £2873.65 **Direct Debits:** £509.65

Tree Wardens Report: Roger said he had recently spoken to Mrs Fallon who lives at Pitts Meadow and she has put in a planning application to do various tree works on her land. Roger could see no problem and any works would only enhance the area. As this application was only received by The Clerk today but bought up by the Tree Warden this evening, Cllr's gave permission for PC views (leave to decision of TPO) to be sent in this month. Slow Worms have been seen and all the area is covered by legislation.

TDALC: Cllr Powell

District Councillor's Report: Cllr Powell said at this stage there was no report but she was attending a Full Council meeting 10th Feb.

County Councillor's report: Cllr Erskine reported on 2 grants available from ECC for Playing Fields

- 01 Sport England has invested £28 million of National Lottery funding into creating new & improving existing community sports fields. Although the deadline is for 5 pm 9th Feb. Chairman to contact Sandra Mealey, Bid Development Officer.
- 02 Community sport Activation Fund – The Activation Fund is a £47.5million lottery funding programme which will invest in a range of activity projects. Projects can be up to 3 years & grant awards will range from £50,000-£250,000. Again c/man will contact Sarah Mealey

Parish Transport Representative: Cllr Cossens recently attended a transport meeting and it was focused on renaming Transport meeting and reintroducing it as Getting around in Essex, and they would like to engage with as many people as possible to make bus travel better and easier.

Councillor's Reports:

Playing Field: Refer to c/m's report items 2

Further comment made was that the footballers have not played many games due to the wet weather and the condition of the goal mouths. Sand had to be purchased by Danny to try and rectify the problem.

Highways/Pavement: concern continues to be expressed regarding the condition of the footpath along Frinton Road even more so now ECC have deemed it as Non urgent.

Parish Footpaths: FOOTPATH 14 is flooded.

Footpath 15 overgrown: ECC only do 1 cut per year but have no objection to the PC arranging for further cuts. Cllr Roe will make enquiries. Due to loss of staff and the enormous workload P3 partnership are now in the process of forming a new group.

Lockyers Wood: Everything appears to be o.k

Thorpe in Bloom: There is only payment outstanding for the 2014 floral baskets all the rest have collected. As it is Cllr Holts intention not to stand for election in May 2015 and the order for 2015 having to be in at the beginning of April when she is on holiday Cllr's were asked if anybody would like to take on the task to which Cllr Roe said he would. Cllr Holt will e-mail the Nurseries to inform them of the takeover.

Village Greens: Everything appears to be o.k.

Street Lighting: Clerk reported on site meeting in Mill Lane regarding an extra light, in attendance Clerk, Cllrs Cannons/Land and Andy A & J Lighting. Quotation received 2 options.
Option 1 new column & standard light fitting £1200 plus EDF / UK Power Networks for connection
Option 2 Solar light £3000. The above are plus VAT. After discussion Cllr Chrystal proposed Option 2
Sec Cllr Ewart – vote taken 2 in favour 6 against.

Lights not working & to be reported: Thorpe X, Landermere Road, o/s Nanny Jo's, St Michaels Road.

Dog Bins: e-mail received from Mrs Genery regarding Dog Fouling on FP19 Beaumont to Landermere Quay and offering to purchase a bin. Discussion held and PC unanimously agreed to purchase 2 Bins- One for FP19 and one for Mill Lane where there is also a big problem.

Speed, Station Road: Complaint received from resident regarding speed in Station Road-Letter to be sent to ECC

Date/Time/Venue of next meeting:

MONDAY 9th MARCH 2015 7.00 PM AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOL ROOM.

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

FINANCE COMMITTEE ASKED TO REMAIN:

The Clerk said she would like to arrange a Finance Meeting & said Maurice Howard the PC Accountant would also be in attendance and gave 2 dates.
Monday 23rd or Tuesday 24th February. 23rd was the preferred date - Clerk to confirm with David Murray that the Church Schoolroom is available to use.

Confirmed with David Murray on 10th February that the Schoolroom is available so meeting will be held:

MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2.30 PM AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM.