

SUMMARY ONLY NOT YET BEEN AUTHORISED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

REF: 2015/16-4

MINUTES OF THORPE LE SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
MONDAY 13TH JULY 2015 7.00 PM AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM.

PRESENT: Cllrs: Daniel Land Chairman, Jose' Powell Vice-Chairman, Ewart, Roe.
Blandford, Rich, Ralfrey, Cty Cllr Erskine and 6 members of public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Bruce Hurton

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

In his absence Matt Fielder's summary of interests & why he would like to become a Councillor was discussed at the June meeting & a vote was recorded of all being in favour of co-opting Matt onto the Parish Council. As Matt was present at this evenings meeting & after a formal introduction/explanation of what is required by a person to become a councillor he was asked if he would like to be co-opted onto the PC immediately or sit through a meeting this evening then make his decision to which he replied that he was happy to become a councillor from this evening. Matt duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance and was welcomed as a councillor onto the PC.

Confirmation of Minutes & Clerk's Report: Minutes and Clerks Report of the June meeting, having previously been circulated were agreed as a True Record & Signed by The Chairman after the following amendment was made on page 3. Date of next meeting should have read 10th August & not 12th July.

Declaration of Members Interest: None

Public Participation: Reg Rumbellow & Penny Game are both residents who live in Golden Lane & expressed their concern regarding the regular abuse that they, their families/friends/neighbours were constantly getting from inconsiderate motorists using Golden Lane. They have both lived in Golden Lane for 35 & 26 years & over the years have noticed the increasing Speed & Size of the Larger Lorries, Buses, Coaches & Tractors all of which travel along Golden Lane at great speed with no consideration at all for the residents. Penny said you take you Life in your own hands when walking along Golden Lane & said she feared for her disabled son's safety when he went out also the safety of the elderly who also live in the lane. To add to the problems there are very large pot-holes along the road side that makes the lane even narrower but this does not deter the motorists speeding along & using the lane like a rat race. Other concerns are damage to properties & cars also vehicles using residents Driveways to pull into to allow oncoming vehicles to pass. Penny recently made a complaint to ECC H/Way's spoke to James & was given a Ref No. 2411184 for future use. A Weight & Speed restriction was requested. For many years now the PC have been trying to get both of the mentioned restrictions but have always been rejected as they did not meet with the criteria & after a general traffic /speed check was carried out in October 2013, ECC deemed the requests as non-urgent. Cty Cllr Erskine has also appealed to ECC for some help but they have categorically declined to do anything. Cllr Erskine said that he would be prepared to meet with some Cty Cllrs & Cllr Land to thrash the problems out.

Evelyn Ferrari Treasurer of the WI explained in great depth the problems that the WI have recently experienced regarding a kerb in front of the car-park that had recently been removed & the car parking area that had been resurfaced - all of the work had been carried out Rob Wilby a local contractor recommended by TDC.

The WI Hall was built 98 yrs ago, is the largest Hall in the Village and is used for many things i.e. Polling Station, Venue for meetings, parties, Shows & many more. The WI continues to do their best in fund raising for the upkeep of The Hall but on this occasion would like to ask the PC if they would consider a request from the WI for a donation of £600.

Cllr Land said he felt sure the PC would consider a donation & said once the discrepancy's have been completed to the satisfaction of The WI advised Evelyn to submit an application for the donation..

Chairman's Report:

Section 106: C/Man said 106 funding was available to do drainage work on the P.F & Cllr Ralfrey was asked if he would fill in the necessary application.

Event for ex councillors: As we are no further forward with arrangements - The Clerk said she would now take over Arranging the event.

Media Protocol: All councillors were told that should the media approach them for any information regarding the PC They are not permitted to answer any questions as a Parish Councillor and should always re-direct them to the C.Man

Football Goals: Goal Posts/Nets have been received & are ready & waiting to be used for the new season.

Parish Footpaths: Matt Fielder has taken over responsibility of the Parish footpaths and is very keen to get them all back to an acceptable condition. There was a debate between councillors & it was unanimously agreed that a heavy duty strimmer be purchased for Matt to use. Enquiries to be made ref. Cost. C/Man to give Matt Sarah Potter's e-mail for future use.

Police Report: The following incidents were report to The Police for period 29th May – 28th June 2015

Missing Person: Harwich Road
Alarm: Mansfields Chemist High Street
RTC's: Colechester Road & Lauderdale Road.
Suspicious Circumstances: Skuspicious Salesman, Vicarage Lane
Fly Tipping: Damants Hall Lane
Burglary: High Street
Nuisance Youth: Youth playing with Electric Box in Hyng Crescent

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

Correspondence:

01 Ref: Planning Application 14/02689/FUL Erection of one bed gate lodge type dwelling. Land to the Rear of Harry's Bar. Appeal has been made against the decision of TDC to refuse the development.

A Further letter has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate

02 TDC: TDC are holding Planning Training sessions for Town/ Parish Cllrs. The aim of the training is to outline how the district council determines planning applications and to assist on how to frame comments on development proposals & improve understanding the decisions that are made. Only two places can be offered on one of the following dates: **Monday 14th Sept. 6 – 8 pm (Dan & Bruce ?)**
or Thursday 24th Sept. 2 – 4pm (James & Shirley)

English Rural Housing Ass. - No comments

Planning: For more depth information refer to July 2015 Agenda

15/00768/FUL, 15/00824/FUL No objection 15/00882/1111/PNOT: **Information only**

15/01004/TCA Leave to decision of TPO

15/00913/FUL Alterations/extension to 'Black Tiles' High Street. Phil Smith was present at this evenings meeting & gave a very informative talk regarding the above application that was being considered at this evenings meeting.

Invoice 002057 -002068 £5694.21 (for more in depth information refer to July Agenda)

18th June 2015 VAT Refund received £2292.28

Standing Orders:

Direct Debits:	£ 228.48	A & J Lighting – Monthly Maint June/July
	£ 145.80	A & J Lighting – repairs
	£1132.98	A & J Lighting- Annual Maint
	£ 319.59	e-on Electricity - energy June/July
	£ 16.80	BT – office telephone June

Current Account as at 28th May	14,722.03	Business Account as at 11th May 2015	£30360.87
30 th June	12918.66	8 th June 2015	£30360.87

Tree Wardens Report: Roger said now the season is ending it is time to promote the management proposals for Far Thorpe Green. It was suggested in July that enquiries be made to see if there would be any interest in holding a Mothing Evening on the Green. In turn this could add to the knowledge of Fauna on The Green and also directly involve villagers. Roger asked if this could be mentioned in the Parish Magazine.

TDALC: Next meeting of the TDALC is being held 22nd July. Cllrs Powell & Rich to attend.

District Councillor's Report: Nothing to report.

County Councillor's Report: Cllr Erskine reported on various matter throughout the meeting

Parish Transport Representative: To be elected

Sub committee Representatives:

Playing Field: Cllr Land said the Annual Inspection of The Play Equipment on the P.F. had been carried out & only a few minor reports were made which can be rectified by Danny.

Drainage: Refer to Clerks Action List

Lockyers Wood: Cllr Land gave a few ideas to the council that he would so see carried out in Lockyers Wood. i.e. Clearance of debris, and make some footpaths. This suggestion received some opposition and some felt that it would completely spoil the area that is a haven to wild life and enjoyed by many residents of all ages.

CIF application - Chairman

Highways/Pavements: Cllr Blandford

Parish Footpaths: Refer to 2nd paragraph, page 2.

Planning: Cllrs Powell, Ewart & Hurton - It was agreed that the planning committee meets at 6pm prior to a parish council meeting to discuss all plans.

Street Lighting: Light in Frinton Road not working, Clerk will check & report to A & J Lighting.

Thorpe in Bloom: As Cllr Roe had not been clearly advised on how to forecast the exact reckoning of floral baskets for 2015 unfortunately there has been some disappointment this year to which we apologise. Also it was brought to the attention of the PC that the cost of the floral baskets to residents has been the same since 2012 (£42) even though the price the PC pay's to Parker's is £82.35 excl vat. I would therefore like to propose that consideration be given to an increase of the floral baskets for 2016.

Village Greens : Cllr Powell said everything seems to be o.k.

Internal Audit Report 2014/15:

Councillors received a copy of the Internal Audit to peruse in preparation for discussion at this evenings meeting. The Clerk asked if there were questions that councillors would like answered & Cllr Roe asked for an explanation to item 6 on page 2 regarding petty cash payments. The Clerk said this was nothing to worry about as it was only accumulated receipts & mileage that had not been claimed for by The Clerk. The reason for the large amount is that I never have a large amount of Petty Cash therefore the PC is always indebted to me and over 3 months this can sometime add up so I have been advised to claim mileage/petty cash more frequent. There being no further question Cllr Ewart proposed, seconded Cllr Land, unanimously agreed that the Internal Audit carried out by Nancy Powell Davies be accepted.

Engagement of Internal Auditor for 2015/16: The C/Man said he would like to defer this item until the August meeting as he has been told that it is not necessary to have an Internal Auditor and he wanted to get it checked out.

Items for consideration at next meeting. None

Village Fete: Cllr Roe said the Fete was being held on August 22nd 12.00 pm - 5.00 pm and said as usual he would be having a table for The Parish Council. He has a new PC Banner and asked if Cllrs would agree to have their photograph taken so he could promote the PC with its new team. All cllrs agreed & Cllr Rich said her husband would take the photos.

Date/Time/Venue of next meeting:

Monday 10th August 2015, 7.00 pm at The Baptist Church School Room.

CLLRS EWART, POWELL, HURTON PLEASE NOTE: A planning committee meeting is to be held Monday 10th August 6.00 P.M

Close of meeting: There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 9.40pm.