



THORPE-LE-SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL

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REF: 2017/18-3

Minutes of Meeting held Monday 12th June 2017 7.00 pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllr Powell Vice Chairman, Coulter, Raftery, Roe,

ALSO PRESENT: Roger Hawes Tree Warden and 2 Members of Public

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Land - Chairman, Blandford, Carpenter, Ewart, Fielder, Starling,

Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting held 8th May: Having previously been circulated, Minutes of the May meeting were approved as a True Record and signed by The Vice Chairman.

Declaration of Members Interests: There were none

Chairman's Report: In his absence, The Clerk was asked to pay special thanks to all who helped put the Floral Baskets up in the village. The Baskets were donated by Parkers Nurseries and once they become established will give a wonderful array of colour throughout the village.

Correspondence & e-Mails: Refer to June Agenda for more in depth information

Planning Determinations: Refer to June Agenda for more in depth information

New Planning Applications: For more in depth information refer to June Agenda.

17/00004/TPO - 17/ 00750/TPO – 17/00752/TPO Leave to decision of TPO
17/00908/TPO, 17/00910/TPO Leave to decision of TPO

17/00757/FUL As councillor's had not inspected the plans, they were unable to comment

17/00857/FUL Demolition of outbuilding and replacement with a dwelling, Pitts Meadow, Mill Lane. Rec Refusal

17/00874/FUL Demolition of buildings and replacement with a dwelling. Land to The West of Mill Lane Rec Refusal
After a discussion and inspection of plans a vote was recorded to recommend refusal for both applications.
3 in favour, 1 abstention

Reasons for both:

1. Outside the village settlement development boundary
- 2 Within The Conservation Area
- 3 Access is Abysmal
- 4 Due to the massive ongoing drainage problem around that particular area, we would recommend that no further development should be considered

Report received from Cllr Land and read by The Clerk: Chairman ecently visited the Mill Lane site with a TDC Case Officer and also spoke to local residents.
TDC are looking to approve application 17/00857/FUL
but refuse application 17/00874/FUL

Playing Field: No Report

Street Lighting: No Report

Thorpe in Bloom: Cllr Roe said he has recently spoken to Cllr Carpenter and was of the opinion that some of the resident's were giving donations for the floral baskets

Correspondence/e.mails: For more in depth information, please refer to May 2017 Agenda.

Cheques for Signature: Permission was given by Councillors at this evenings meeting for the following cheques to be signed.

Cheques 002244 cancelled
002245 - 002248 = £3809.95

Current Account Balance as at 28th April £33599.05

Business Account Balance as at 10th April £30390.02

No further statements have been received from Bank.

For information regarding standing Orders please refer to May Agenda

Thorpe Festival Event: Cllr Coulter gave the following Report:

2nd September Date for Summer Fete: The Committee would like permission to: have a Dog Show on the field. All of the dogs are fully trained.

Secondly they would like to have a Beach on the park, obviously this would entail bringing some sand in and making a proper secured area .

Councillor's unanimously agreed to give permission as long as the area was not damaged and returned to its existing condition.

1st December Date for Christmas Event: An application has been made to TDC Parking asking for permission to close the High Street for the occasion 6 – 9 pm. Clerk has received letter from TDC and passed it over to Cllr Coulter this evening. Councillors had no objection to request.

Tree Warden's Report: Whilst carrying out a check of The Greens it was noticed that the Rare Grass that was cut down adjacent to the pond on 2nd Green is now growing again and the rest of the areas were also looking good .

LED Lights: Report sent in by Cllr Fielder and read by The Clerk:

Immediately after the May meeting the Clerk ordered the lights from Indo Lighting with the delivery to A & J Lighting warehouse due 12th June. Once received Andy A & J will give Cllr Fielder a ring to advise when he will start the installation. Once work is commenced it is anticipated that completion could be within 2 weeks/

An obstacle to overcome is access to The Green in Byng Crescent which has 2 lights, on, Cllr Fielder has met with Matthew Wicks of TDC and explained the issue. Matthew said there are two wooden posts placed to stop vehicles from driving on The Green and has agreed that one could be taken out and he would look into having it replaced with a lockable fold down post. Cllr Fielder and Land will do the work.

County Councillor's Report: No Report

Sub-Committee Reports:

- **Community Liason Officer:** All Cllr Coulter's report was covered under Thorpe Festival Event.
- **Highways & Pavements:** Cllr Raftery will chase TDC with regard to:
 - Potholes adjacent War Memorial*
 - Sinking of Drain outside W.I.Hall*
 - Pavement along Frinton Road*
- **Lockyers Wood :** *On the day that Cllr Roe went along to fell the tree it fell down while they were there and pulled a Holly Tree down with it. The Sycamore Tree was rotten all the way through and when they cut the stump it was very powdery.*
- **Footpaths:** No Report

- **Playing Field:** No Report

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- **Street Lighting:** No report from Clerk refer to LED Lights above
- **TDALC:** Had a meeting but no speakers were present. In general everything was calm with discussions re Potholes and litter
- **Transport:** Nothing to report
- **Thorpe in Bloom:** Discussed on page 2
- **Village Greens:** As per Rogers Hawes report on page 3

Date/Time/Venue of next meeting:

MONDAY 10TH JULY 2017 7.00 PM AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM

Close of Meeting: There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.50 pm,

