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**Minutes of Thorpe-le-Soken Parish Council meeting held Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 7.00 pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom.**

**Present:** Jose' Powell Vice Chairperson, Blandford, Carpenter, Fielder, Raftery, Rich, Roe,

**Members of Public:** 5 Members of Public and Roger Hawes Tree Warden

**Apologies:** Cllrs: Land, Chairman, Ewart, & Cty Cllr Andrew Erskine

**Confirmation of Minutes & Monthly Update** of last meeting held Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016 having previously been circulated, were agreed as a True Record & Signed by The Vice Chairman after the following amendment was made. Chairman's Report Barnards Alley not Paradise Alley.

**Declaration of Members Interest: None**

**Public Participation:** Questions asked by Sue Parker: Was there any update on the proposed planning application along Frinton Road since the public viewing, and was it well attended? attendance figures are not known but Tim Snow the Architect and TDC Officers were present to answer any questions. Cllr Roe said it was not very widely publicised and asked if in future everybody could be made more aware of such meetings. The Clerk said advertising was nothing to do with the P.C. it was a viewing organised by The Developer.

Could she have more of the allocated funding for printing more leaflets. After a discussion cllrs unanimously agreed to the request.

What is going on at the allotment site? There has recently been a lot of action. It was assumed that it could be a pre rat problem or preparation prior to commencement of any work being started. Roger said once the birding season begins they will not be able to do anything.

There being nothing further from the public to discuss, Cllr Powell introduced Andy from A & J Lighting who was present at this evenings meeting and gave a very informative talk on the new LED energy saving light that was now available. With the technology changes it is becoming increasingly difficult to get replacement bulbs for the existing lights as they were being used less and less. The new LED Energy saving 35 sox replacement light that is available will fit any make and model of the sox fitting and the benefits are: keeping the existing light fittings, modernise the light output, instant brightness & improvement of colour rendering, reduce light pollution by 70-80% & most of all it is energy saving. Cllr Roe asked how many sox lights the PC had and was told that 60 yellow lights were remaining, this figure being questioned The Clerk asked Andy if he could let her have an updated copy of all P.C owned lights also the price for a light to be converted to which he agreed.

For the benefit of all councillors The Clerk asked Andy if he would explain why the PC made a monthly payment + further payments for repairs. Each year A & J Lighting carry out a full inspection of all the PC owned lights and the cost for doing that is spread equally over 12 months. The cost is purely for carrying out the inspection and **does not** include for any repairs that have to be done. As there were no further questions to be asked, Andy was thanked for attending and the meeting resumed at 7.35pm.

**Chairman's Report:** given by clerk on behalf of Chairman

- **Barnards Alley:** Chairman has checked the flooded areas and spoken to the developer.
- **Computer & Printer for Clerk.** Computer, printer & scanner was purchased at Currys today. The whole package including insurance. Set up/personalisation, Office, Anti-virus & Cloud, and a 3 year care plan for the reduced price of £996.00 this was all paid for by the clerk and the invoice will be presented for reimbursement at this evenings meeting.

**Police Report:** No report was received

**Correspondence/e-mails:** Refer to March Agenda for more in depth information.

**New Planning Application:** 16/00283/FUL No Objection

**Cheques presented for Signature:** 002121- 002131 incl: £2523.97 Standing orders £71.89

Current A/C £8159.63 up to 29/2/16 Business A/C £30372.28 up to 9/2/16

No Bank Statements received for March at time of printing

**Tree Wardens Report:** Roger has been engaging with Kevin Marsden and Mick Hubbard to do further work on the Green but it is a matter of waiting for the land to dry up a bit before Mick is able to get his machinery on the Green, but if it is left too late and the birds start nesting the work will have to be carried over to next year.

**T.D.A.L.C:** Nothing to report - meeting is being held next week

**District Councillor's Report:** No report due to Cllr Land giving his apologies.

**County Councillor's Report:** No report due to Cllr Erskine giving his apologies.

**Sub-Committee Reports:**

**Playing Field:** Nothing to report

**Highways /Pavements:** No report: **Lockyers Wood:** No Report **Parish Footpaths:** No Report

**Parish Street Lights:** There were no failures to report but Cty Lights No 23 Landermere Road and 12 & 18 High Street are still not working. Awaiting for work to be carried out by the out of hours team.

**Thorpe in Bloom:** Between them Cllrs Carpenter & Roe have managed to collate all the names of businesses and private properties who would like baskets for 2016 and so far it stands at 20. More brackets are required. The existing ones were paid for by TDC many years ago but that was just a one-off project, now all brackets must be paid for by individuals and made to a safety standard & strong enough to hold baskets of an estimated guess of 6/7 kg when completed and full of water. The clerk said her husband inspected the existing brackets and produced a drawing enabling Dan to get a verbal quote that was given of £60.00. Further enquiries to be made and Cllr Roe asked for a drawing so he was able to get some quotes. (Copy of drawing sent to Cllr Roe)

**Village Greens:** Cllr Roe said he had nothing further to report – refer to Roger’s report above

**Tendring Residents Group:** As Cllr Ewart gave his apologies for the meeting this will be carried over to the April meeting.

**Village Signs:** Cllr Roe has been making enquiries and Alexander Nicolich a local person and who does all the signs for ECC. has given Cllr Roe a couple of options. A further firm put forward to get a quotation from was [www.tradewellssingshop.co.uk](http://www.tradewellssingshop.co.uk) who are at Gt. Bentley.

**New Bus Shelter** junction of Colchester Road/Tendring Road: A new shelter has been put up and the bench was taken away. Cllr Land has now been approached regarding the bench and has been told that it was a memorial bench, so now enquiries are being made to see if anybody can provide the PC with any information relating to the bench, and if so, please contact either Cllr Land or The Clerk.

**Queen’s Birthday** carried over to April meeting allowing cllrs more time to ponder over what could be done.

**Items for consideration at next meeting:**

- Cllr Roe: Request for more information to be passed around re planning applications.

**Date/Time/Venue of next meeting:** The April meeting will be **The Annual Parish Meeting** followed by a Parish Council Meeting and is to be held on:

**MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016 7.00 PM at the Baptist Church Schoolroom.**

**Close of Meeting:** There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.