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MINUTES OF THORPE LE SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD MONDAY 9TH MAY 2016 7.00 PM AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM.

Present: Cllrs Land Resigning Chairman, Powell Resigning Vice-Chairman, Blandford, Carpenter, Ewart, Raftery, Roe, Roger Hawes Tree Warden and one Member of Public.

Apologies: Cllrs Fielder, Rich & Cty Cllr Andrew Erskine

Resigning Chairman to open the meeting: Cllr Land welcomed fellow Councillors, one Member of the Public then opened the meeting and asked for nominations for a Chairman.

Election of Chairman: Cllr Powell proposed Cllr Land, seconded Cllr Carpenter unanimously agreed that Cllr Land be re-appointed. There being no further nominations Cllr Land was duly elected as Chairman of Thorpe-le-Soken Parish Council and signed a further Declaration of Acceptance.

Election of Vice-Chairman: Cllr Land then asked for nominations for a Vice-Chairman and proposed that Cllr Powell be re-appointed, this was seconded by Cllr Ewart. There being no further nominations Cllr Powell was duly elected as Vice-Chairman of Thorpe-le-Soken Parish Council.

Confirmation of Minutes: Minutes of the April 2016 meeting, having previously been circulated, were agreed as a True Record and Signed by The Chairman after the following was raised by Cllr Powell.

Improvements to the road surface in Whitehall Lane is now completed and it will be interesting to see if the white line markings will be repainted on both sides of the Y junction. The Clerk said whilst she was getting updates on other matters today she enquired about the markings and was told that they were deemed as non-urgent and would be monitored by routine inspections.

Memorial Bench - removal of Bus Shelter and Bench, Tendring Road/Colchester Road junction. The Chairman said he made enquiries and it was confirmed that the bench had been removed, and after an inspection by an officer at ECC, NO memorial plaque was found.

Declaration of Members Interests: None

Scott Properties Representation: Rob from Scott Properties and John McLarty a planning consultant for Strutt & Parker were present at this evenings meetings to talk about the proposals and show a plan for prospective properties on land in Landermere Road. The proposal is for 100 mixed dwellings with the density being 10 dwellings per acre which will give a generous amount of land to each property. There will be an open space and all roads are dictated to by ECC.

Questions & Answers:

- What is the mixture of units? Thorpe is known to be a very affluent member of Tendring and it is anticipated there will be 2, 3, 4, & 5 bedroom properties, some of which will be Bungalows, A Terrace of Housing with their own parking facility and possibly 30% of Starter Homes/Affordable Housing (this is negotiable)
- Environment Agency: the water has to be contained within the vicinity
- All roads have to be to an adoptable standard
- Land Screening will be carried out around the boundary

Election of Sub Committees & Representatives: Councillors unanimously agreed to adopt the same roles as in the previous year.

Finance: Chairman, Clerk, Cllrs James Ewart & Helen Rich (in her absence)

Highways & Pavements: Cllr Jennifer Blandford

Lockyers Wood: Cllr Simon Raftery

Parish Footpaths: Cllrs Matt Fielder (in his absence) & Daniel Land

Planning: Cllrs: Jose' Powell, Samantha Carpenter & James Ewart

Playing Field: Cllrs: Daniel Land & Simon Raftery

Street Lighting: Shirley Howe, The Clerk

TDALC: Cllrs Jose' Powell & Helen Rich (in her absence)

Thorpe in Bloom: 32 floral baskets have been ordered which is an increase on last year. The colour scheme for this year is red/white & Blue. The baskets are being planted this week and will be ready in June. **Special Thanks from The Clerk:** Well done and Thank You to Cllrs Carpenter & Roe for all their hard work, this is a good increase on the number of baskets ordered this year and I can't wait, the village is going to look absolutely wonderful.

Transport: Cllr Roe said he had previously filled in survey forms given to him by The Clerk and also has a large copy of the latest bus time-table. Chairman to get smaller copies for the 3 notice boards. Cllr Roe agreed to be the Transport representative

Village Greens: Due to the amount of **Flora and Fauna** that is on First Green it has been agreed that no further work will be carried out until the Autumn. The Clerk was asked if she could defer the first cut until end of July beginning of August. **(I have today 10th May spoken to Ann Hutchby and sent letter confirming discussion)**

John & Sarah Gull Fund: Cllr Ewart

Publicity & P.R. Cllr Land

Public Participation: Alan Newman expressed concern regarding a proposal to build 200 properties in Halstead Road, Kirby le Soken and asked if The Chairman of the PC had written in response to a public consultation. Cllrs Ewart & Roe were present at the consultation and spoke of Thorpe le Soken's objections i.e. Highways, and impact on Local Environment. A very extensive Public Enquiry is being held in Weeley. Date to be confirmed.

Chairman's Report:

Hanging Basket Brackets: 6 brackets have been order **(These have now been collected)**

Landermere Road Development: Chairman said TDC are proposing a site at the end of Landermere Road to build 100 homes. This would include the arable field immediately on your right at the end of the road and also the field to the rear of The Spennells. A Consultation for everybody to view and comment has now been arranged for Thursday 19th May 2 – 7 pm. As the chairman will be on holiday the 19th everybody was urged to go to the consultation, look at the proposal designs then write to Mr Meecham at The Planning Reception, TDC, Council Offices, Thorpe Road, Weeley CO16 9AJ. With your concerns/views.

E-mail smeechamj@tendringdc.gov.uk

Development to rear of Harry's Restaurant: chairman has spoken to developers and it is anticipated there will be a month of intermittent procedures.

Monthly Update: Refer to Monthly Update regarding ongoing issues up to 9th May.

Correspondence: For more in depth information, please refer to the May agenda.

e.mail received from Cllr Bruce Hurton who has resigned as councillor due to work commitments. **Clerk has sent a letter.**

New Planning Applications: 16/00529/FUL and 16/00548/FUL No Objection to both applications

Accounts /Financial Report:

- Copy of Minutes of Finance Meeting held Wednesday 27th April
- Explanation of Variances – pro forma
- 2015/16 Annual Return Explanation
- Risk/Assessment & Management 2015/16

In order to review all of the above accounts each councillor received a copy to peruse prior to the meeting in preparation for a discussion at this evenings meeting. Cllr Ewart a member of the Finance Committee gave an extensive explanation as to how all of the workings were arrived at. There being no questions, Cllr Land formerly agreed and proposed that all of the above be accepted as a True Record. This was seconded by Cllr Ewart and unanimously agreed.

Cheques: 002135 - 002143 incl £4122.94 **Standing Orders:** £295.58

Current A/C: £4949.65_up to 29/3/16 **Business A/C:** £30373.49 up to 9/3/16

For more in depth information, please refer to the May agenda

The Clerk said she was in the process of updating signatories for cheques and with council's permission would like to remove two names of previous councillors. This will leave Cllrs Land, Powell and The Clerk as signatories. It was also proposed that Cllr Ewart's name be added. Clerk will get the necessary forms to fill in.

Tree Warden's Report: Nothing to report

TDALC: No Report due to there being no meeting – next meeting 25th May at Beaumont

County Councillor's Report: No report due to Cllr Erskine's apologies

Fly Tipping - Scout Car Park – Chairman was very outraged that somebody had the audacity to dump a very large pile of mixed rubbish in the Scout's car park adjacent to the recycling units. Cllr Land said this is **NOT** acceptable and everything is being done to try and protect the area from it re-occurring. The responsibility of the car park is the Scouts and they are looking to have CCTV cameras put up. Cllr Land has said that The Parish Council would be prepared to make a financial contribution.

Knotweed Lockyers Wood: After having 2 years of treatment most of the knotweed in Lockyers Wood has died but it was noticed that a small amount remained so a further treatment was recently given.

Litter/Dog Bins, Station Road: Cllr Land thanked all councillors who helped with clearing Lockyers Wood. Many bags of rubbish was collected and the main concern was plastic bags with dogs faeces in that were strewn everywhere. Cllr Land asked for councillors permission to purchase a couple of bins to erect near the entrances. Councillors unanimously agreed that it was a good idea.

Use of Oak Close as entrance to Allotments - Cllr Raftery

Date/Time/Venue of next meeting: Monday 13th June 2016 - 7 pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom

Close of meeting: There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

IMPORTANT REQUEST FROM THE CLERK: Would Councillors please give consideration to changing the September meeting FROM MONDAY 12TH to MONDAY 19TH.