

SUMMARY ONLY - NOT YET AUTHORISED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Thorpe-le-Soken Parish Council meeting held:
Monday 12th October 2015 7.00 pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom**

Present: Cllrs: Daniel Land Chairman, Jose' Powell Vice- Chairman
Blandford, Ewart, Fielder, Hurton, Raftery, Rich, Roe, Roger Hawes Tree Warden & approx 30 Members of Public.
Apologies: Cllr Carpenter & Cty. Cllr Andrew Erskine

Declaration of Members Interest: Cllr Roe – Non Pecuniary

Confirmation of Minutes & Monthly Report: Minutes & Monthly update of last meeting, having previously been circulated were agreed as a True Record & signed by The Chairman.

Public Participation: A number of residents were present at this evenings meeting to express their concern regarding a new Outline Planning application for the construction of up to 49 houses together with access road, Land South of Frinton Road.

Following a debate where a lot of concern was expressed & numerous questions asked, The Clerk was asked to send in the Parish Councils views taking into consideration all the concerns expressed by parishioners at this evenings meeting with a copy also going to Douglas Carswell MP asking him if he would get involved on behalf of the Parish Council & residents of Thorpe & send a supportive letter to TDC. (refer to planning views below marked with **)

Ray Crystal retired Cllr & member of public raised the following:

Light: Column 18 High Street: Refer to November monthly update

GOLDEN LANE: Up hill to Beaumont - Letter to Strutt & Parker

FLOODING: This has been going on for too long now & we need some action. The meeting was told that last year Thorpe was identified as a flooding hotspot & was put forward for a £500.000 alleviation scheme, but no funding was available. Flooding in High Street & around The Memorial is totally un-acceptable & very frustrating for The PC, as we are at limbo, there is nothing we can do but accept the high speed jetting that is carried out at intervals by ECC.

Chairman's Report:

Maltings: It has been confirmed that the development is still going ahead with Rosegrade remaining in the driving seat. The 'For Sale' board is only to seek buyers for various units.

Second Green – community gathering/working party – 9.00 am Saturday 24th October

Proposed Frinton Road Development – refer to Parish Council views on new Planning Applications.

E.E Mobile Phone network: Frustration continues as a lot of residents using the EE network have been without a signal since June, but some have had success using a signal booster. EE are giving residents mixed messages, some weeks ago they confirmed its engineers were investigating & blamed a new building for blocking the signal from the mast & now The Chairman has received a letter from EE Executive Officer Neil Wilson apologising for any inconvenience caused & saying that EE have now completed all the required work & the matter was considered closed. Cllr Land said "this is not acceptable, there are still a lot of residents without a signal & I will fight until we get our full service back in Thorpe"

Peter Cannons a retired Cllr & member of public said he had also been in contact with BT regarding many problems relating to broadband & it would appear that they cannot deal with multiple cases, so far they have only dealt with 8 & the remaining areas are Thorpe Park Lane & Beaumont.

Knotweed – The Knotweed has had its 2nd treatment & is not looking particularly healthy so with the 3rd treatment next year hopefully it will have been cured.

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is a story of growth and expansion. From a small collection of colonies on the eastern coast, it grew into a vast nation spanning two continents.

The early years were marked by struggle and conflict. The American Revolution was a pivotal moment in the nation's history, leading to the birth of a new republic.

As the nation expanded westward, it faced new challenges and opportunities. The discovery of gold in California and the opening of the transcontinental railroad were major events.

The Civil War was a defining moment in American history. It was a struggle over the issue of slavery, which ultimately led to the abolition of the institution and the preservation of the Union.

Following the Civil War, the United States entered a period of rapid industrialization and economic growth. The invention of the steam engine and the development of the factory system transformed the nation.

The late 19th and early 20th centuries were characterized by imperialism and the rise of big business. The United States emerged as a world power, competing for influence and territory.

The 20th century brought significant social and political changes. The Progressive Era sought to reform society and government, while the Great Depression and World War II shaped the modern world.

Conclusion

The history of the United States is a testament to the resilience and ingenuity of its people. Despite numerous challenges, the nation has grown and prospered, becoming a global leader.

The future of the United States lies in the hands of its citizens. By embracing diversity and promoting the common good, the nation can continue to thrive and make a positive impact on the world.

The American dream remains a guiding principle for many. It is the belief that through hard work and determination, anyone can achieve success and a better life for themselves and their families.

As we look back on the history of the United States, we are inspired by the courage and sacrifice of those who have shaped this nation. We are committed to building a brighter future for all.

Police Report: For more in depth information please refer to October Agenda

Monthly Update: Refer to October update

Correspondence/e-mail: For more in depth information refer to October Agenda

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

15/01368/FUL, 15/01372/OUT, 15/01420/FUL **No Objection**

15/01437/FUL No objection to application but due to the flood problems that are being experienced within the vicinity, we would be interested to know if the plan accommodates for any surface water.

** 15/01452/OUT Outline application for the construction of up to 49 houses together with access road
Land South of Frinton Road. **Rec. Refusal for the following reasons**

1. Parish Council are concerned that as this is only an Outline Application there may be no control of the ultimate size or design of properties & they could be too expensive to accommodate local people.
2. Over Development of Site.
3. Outside Village Development/Conservation Area.
4. The proposed application is bordering onto the remaining Historic Park & Gardens of the former Thorpe Hall, also a Safeguarded Local Green Space known as The Playing Field that is currently leased by The Parish Council for the benefit of the village.
5. One of the proposed accesses would be on a blind bend opposite the approved Allotments Development & it is questionable as to why a new access is required to the right of the Lifehouse Drive when in our opinion The Lifehouse Drive could be adequately used. In the past ECC have been very reluctant to approve any new accesses onto Frinton Road due to the heavy volume of traffic. **At this present time there are 8.**
6. The environmental impact will exacerbate the already strained local services & infrastructure.
7. All of The schools are full to capacity & The Hospitals & Doctors are struggling.
8. Due to the High Water Table Thorpe already has serious Foul water & Surface Water drainage issues & it has been known that some of the area in question has been subject to flooding in heavy rain.
9. Residents who live in Hall Lane will suffer an adverse impact on their privacy, environment & amenity as they become surrounded by a growing development that will in turn bring more inhabitants with families & cars thus increasing pollution within the area.

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

Cheques: 002078 – 002085 = £3430.58
Current Account 28th Aug £6650.72

Standing Orders: £290.97
Business Account as at 30th Aug £30364.66

For more information regarding the above accounts, refer to October Agenda.

Special Expenses: prior to the meeting each Cllr received a copy of The Special Expenses to peruse in preparation for discussion at the meeting. The information was expressly defined & after a few questions were answered Cllrs unanimously agreed that the Special Expenses for 2016/17 be accepted with NO amendment.

Tree Wardens Report: Roger gave reports throughout the meeting.

TDALC:

District Councillor's Report: Chairman reported on various matters on the agenda.

County Councillor's Report: Apologies received from Cllr Erskine

Sub Committee Reports:

Playing Field: The Annual invasion of Moles were on the PF & arrangements were made to get them removed.

Drainage; An application for funding from the Section 106 money was submitted by Cllr Rafrery to help with the drainage on the PF & it has now been confirmed that the PC have been awarded funding. The Chairman said due to weather conditions the work will now be carried over to 2016

Playing Field continued - Dutch Elm: Tree has been removed by Danny Kimble.

Lockyers Wood: Refer to Chairman's Report above.

Highways/Pavements: Nothing to report.

Parish Footpaths: Cllr Fielder said "weather permitting" now he has the strimmer, he is eager to get to work on keeping the parish footpaths accessible. The Clerk said she had made enquiries with The Insurance Company & Cllr Fielder is covered under the PC policy "Section Public Liability"

Street Lighting: Regular checks have been carried out by the Clerk & all the lights were working. After a long wait the first one in Golden Lane that had been out for sometime due to there being now power to the column has eventually been repaired by UK Power Networks.

Thorpe in Bloom: Donations for the 2015 Floral Baskets is now being collected by Cllr Roe.

Village Greens : Community Gathering/Working party has been arranged for 9.00 am Saturday 24th October
All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Bench adjacent The Bell. The Bench outside The Bell is in desperate need of attention & The Chairman proposed, seconded Cllr Ewart, all in favour that Danny Kimble be asked to look at it & get the necessary materials to repair & varnish/paint.

Tendring District & Local Plan:

Ex Councillors Event:

Items for consideration at next meeting: None

Date/Time/Venue of next meeting: Monday 9th November 2015 - 7.00 pm at
The Baptist Church Schoolroom

Close of meeting: There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Next meeting of the Parish Council Meeting is to be held:
Monday 9th November 7.00 pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom

The Chairman said as it was within the power of the Parish Council to financially help residents with expenses incurred with printing etc whilst campaigning against a planning application & asked cllrs if they agreed. Cllr Ewart proposed, seconded Cllr Roe, all in favour that the PC allocate up to £50.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: is to be held: Wednesday 25th November – venue and time to be confirmed.