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**THORPE-LE-SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting held Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**7.00 pm at the Baptist Church Schoolroom.**

**Ref: 2016/17-6**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Land Chairman, Powell Vice Chairman, Carpenter, Fielder, Raftery, Rich Roe, Roger Hawes Tree Warden & 2 members of public.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs: Blandford, Ewart & Cty Cllr Erskine for arriving at 8.30 pm

**Confirmation Minutes:** Minutes of September meeting held Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September having previously been circulated were agreed as a True Record and signed by The Chairman after the following amendment was made.

**Declaration of Members Interest:** *There were none*

**Public Participation:** Liz Bartholomew reiterated her previous concerns regarding the size, speed and weight of vehicles travelling along High Street. Liz said she had recently rang ECC to express her concerns and spoke to a member of staff who advised her to approach the Parish Council and ask them to send in a letter enclosing a petition. The Chairman said he had recently attended a Briefing where Eddie Johnson and 3 Officers were in attendance and it was said that they will not turn anything down, but will give a solution. In 2015 Mrs Naretta Brown collected a petition and sent it in with a letter. All of the concerns mentioned by Mrs Brown were acknowledged and recorded. The only positive action to be taken was that Two Activated Signs were being put on the Thorpe Road, Kirby Cross. **ECC** have **NO** powers of enforcement to address speeding, Essex Police are the only authority empowered to carry out enforcement on vehicles breaching the speed limit. Thorpe Neighbourhood Policing Team are led by PC Dan Heard and can be contacted by calling 101 ext 487606 or email Daniel.Heard@essex.pnn.police.uk

**Chairman's Report:**

**Thorpe Village Fete:** The Chairman paid special thanks to all who helped organise the Village Fete and Cllr Roe and his wife for having a parish council stall. Yet again it was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Cllr Roe said matters of concern raised by the public was:

- 1) Could the Parish Council look into having a zebra crossing put adjacent the W.I. Hall.

### Chairman's Report – Village Fete continued

- 2) About 47 people expressed concern regarding the speed of traffic using High Street and about the same as above expressed concern re parking. This paragraph is taken from **the reply sent regarding the petition sent by Mrs Brown**. Requests for new parking restrictions or facilities are investigated by The North Essex Parking Partnership, P.O.Box 5575, Town Hall Colchester CO9LT Tele: 01206 2282316 or e.mail [parking@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:parking@colchester.gov.uk) Vehicles parking on the footway are not necessarily against the law unless it obstructs the public highway (in this case the pavement)

**Lifeshouse Spa:** Chairman gave an informative talk on the outline proposals for The Lifeshouse Spa and said that a public consultation has been arranged and was being held on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> September from 3 pm – 8 pm at The Lifeshouse Spar. All interested parties are invited to attend. This will be **your** time to give **your** views and ask any questions. Cllr Powell and The Clerk gave their apologies.

**Monthly Update:** No further update

**Correspondence:** For more in depth information, please refer to September agenda.

**TDC Planning determinations:** 16/00529/FUL: 16/00860/FUL: 16/00991/FUL: Full Approval  
For further information please refer to the September Agenda.

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#### **New Planning Applications:**

**16/01198/OUT** Outline Planning application for two dwellings with all matters reserved. Land adjacent 6 Edward Road. **No objection**

**16/01069/FUL** Change of use from mixed use to a single residential dwelling, Homeleigh High St. **No objection**

**16/01072.FUL** Proposed vehicular access to serve potential residential development of land adjacent 78 Landermere Road **Rec. Refusal -Unsuitable and dangerous access.**

**16/01091/FUL** Change of use from highway to private 78 Landermere Road – **PC are very unclear as to the reason for this application and would appreciate receiving an explanation from you.**

**16/01169/OUT** Outline planning permission for the erection of up to 98 dwellings, public open space and supporting site infrastructure with all matters reserved apart from access. Land East Side of Landermere Road **No objection**

**16/01196/FUL** One 2 bedroom dwelling including access and parking, land adjacent 4 Railway Cottages, Station Road. **Rec. Refusal** proposed exit is onto the very busy Harwich Road that is also used by very large articulated lorries travelling to the port of Harwich, it is adjacent to an extremely dangerous bend, the Station entrance, and opposite to an Industrial park.

**16/01278/TPO: 16/01275/TCA:** Leave to decision to TPO

**Permission was given by all councillors at this evenings meeting for the following cheques to be signed.**

**Cheque numbers:** 002172-002177 £2484.26 **Standing Orders:** £276.72

For more in depth information please refer to the September agenda.

<b><u>Current A/C:</u></b>	£19461.04	as at	26/5/16	<b><u>Business A/C:</u></b>	£30376.03	as at	9/5/16
	£14302.95	“	28/6/16		£30377.32	“	9/6/16
	£11330.57	“	29/7/16		£30378.65	“	19/7/16
	£ 9597.45	“	30/8/16		£30379.86	“	9/8/16

**Tree Warden’s Report:** Nothing to report

**County Councillor’s Report:** Report given by Cty Cllr Andrew Erskine.

- It has been confirmed that Weeley Bridge has now been re-opened to all traffic and all traffic signs appertaining to the closure have been covered up.
- Cllr Erskine said he had heard Golden Lane had been resurfaced in July and asked for councillor’s comments. Chairman confirmed that the Lane was closed for 10 days whilst the work was being done. It was absolute bedlam and to be honest it will probably need to be done again this time next year due to the shoddy workmanship.

**Sub-Committee reports:**

**Lockyers Wood:** Cllr Land said he had received a request for a Halloween spook festival to be held in the wood and said that nothing could be arranged for this year.

**Parish Footpaths:** Cllr Land said work has been carried out along f/path 15, the footpath has been cut but nothing has been done to the sides. Cllr Land said he was a frequent walker of footpath 15 and always has some secateurs with him so he can cut any off anything overhanging. Cllr Fielder said he would be prepared to cut any hedging along the footpath routes if the PC were to purchase a Honda Hedge Trimmer.

**Playing Field:** Cllrs Land/Raftery

**Street Lighting:** The Clerk said she had carried out check of the parish lights and the following were not working. (1) Adjacent Folly Farm Frinton Road. (2) outside properties 1 & 2 Hall Lane (3 ) Memorial Triangle Frinton Road side Intermittent. (4) Byng Crescent between the two blocks of flats standing back from the road. **(Work completed 27<sup>th</sup> September)**

**Cty Lights:** One Fixed onto Harry’s Bar and the one opposite The Crescent.

**TDALC:** Next meeting of TDALC is being held Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Transport:** Cllr Roe said he would be attending the next Transport meeting.

**Thorpe in Bloom:** The Clerk asked Cllrs Carpenter & Roe if they had any in bloom payments as there was at least half still outstanding. As the answer was No, The Clerk said she would now send out statements asking for immediate attention to be given to the outstanding invoices.

**Village Greens:** Cllr Powell expressed concern regarding encroachment onto Second Green. Letter will be sent to TDC

**LED Lighting:** Due to The Clerk being on holiday nothing further has been achieved but arrangements will be made to meet with Andy before the October meeting. The Chairman asked if anybody before any final decision was made could all councillors please make a point of inspection the two new ones that are in Thorpe: One in Abbey Crescent and the other on is the first light in Palmerston Road.

**CHECK**

**Items for discussion at October meeting:** Please let The Clerk know of any items for discussion Three clear working days (4<sup>th</sup> October) prior to meeting.

**DATE/Time/Venue of next meeting:**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 7 pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom.

**16 Close of meeting:** There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.