



## **THORPE-LE-SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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### ***Minutes of meeting held Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 7:00 pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom***

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Land – Chairman, Cllr Powell – vice chairman, Roe, Blandford, Raftery, Carpenter, Starling

**ALSO PRESENT** – Cty Cllr Erskine, Roger Hawes & 1 member of the public.

**Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Coulter, Fielder, Ewart, Clerk.

The chairman convened the meeting and introduced Maria Johnson as standing in for the Clerk as voted in August meeting.

**Confirmation of minutes :** Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017 meeting were approved as a True Record and signed by The Chairman.

**Declaration of Members Interest:** There was none.

#### **Chairman's Report:**

Thanked all that were involved in the activities in Thorpe-Le-Soken during August 2017 – Food for Thorpe, Thorpe fete.

Cllr Roe reported that many complained regarding parking/housing/mobile phone coverage in the village whilst being on the Parish Council stand at the fete. Issue with car parking in the scout club car park at around 1-3am in the morning – loud music – Reported to Duty Sergeant at Clacton.

Chairman thanked Cllr Roe for being on the stand at the fete – it was very much appreciated.

- The road will be shut for 2 hours for the Christmas Festival – A sign should be at either ends of the high street at least a month before the festival takes place – Put in the

gazette also. Any help on the evening with directing traffic would be greatly appreciated.

- Developments – Frinton Road hearing took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017 – 1 hour into the hearing it was decided that the informal hearing was not suitable and a public enquiry was needed. This was due to the official housing supply, cross-examination needed & solicitors. The public enquiry will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017.
- The proposed development opposite Golden Lane for 5 detached properties has gone to appeal.
- Been involved in the investigations for the proposed Highway Drainage scheme – work continues.

**Public Discussion:** Roger brought up that excessive flooding is occurring on the road by New Landermere Hall.

**ACTION;** Chairman to email Strutt and Parker farms.

**Golden Lane:** A long discussion took place about highway issues in Golden Lane. Chairman and Cllr Erskine to continue with investigations through LHP.

**Correspondence & Emails:** For more in depth information refer to September Agenda. Correspondence was passed to Cllr Roe for 8.1 in agenda.

**New planning applications:** For more in depth information refer to September Agenda.

17/01333/FUL Proposed change of use of vacant land to secure yard for lorry container storage. Land East of Rice Bridge Industrial Estate, Station Road.

**No objection.**

17/01378/FUL Erection of one dwelling, Land adjacent Pitts Meadow, Mill Lane.

**Rec. Refusal for the following reasons**

- Road & public footpath is not suitable for the extra traffic
- Visual impact and overcrowding affecting the street scene.

17/01432/OUT Land south west of Lonsdale Road Proposed detached dwelling and garage.

**Rec. Refusal for the following reasons**

- Poorly unmade single track road

All Cllrs at this evenings meeting gave permission for all of the presented cheques to be signed. D/Debits & S/Orders were also agreed.

Cllr Roe proposed that Miss Johnson should be presented a cheque of £50 as agreed in August's meeting. All agreed.

The banking reconciliation for 30<sup>th</sup> June and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017 & the budget report for 2017/18 were unanimously agreed.

**Tree Wardens Report:** Roger reported that the trees at the front of The Abbey which is for sale were in need of attention – Heavy growth of trees on top of rotten growth. Roger was asked to make enquiries with Clive Dawson, TDC Tree Warden.

**County Councillor's Report:** A general discussion was held on improved road markings, Landermere road marking and Golden Lane.

**ACTION:** Chairman to chase Litter bin at the bus stop opposite the memorial with TDC rangers.

#### **Sub-Committee Reports:**

**Community Liaison** – Due to Cllr Coulter absence there was no report.

**Highways & Pavements** – Concern was raised about the state of the access road to the development of the Allotment site – Contact has been made with the company.

**ACTION:** Cllr Carpenter to follow up with TDC Planning department.

**LED Lights:** In Cllr Fielder's absence The Chairman gave a report that the light at the end of Spencer Road remains unlit. A lamppost on Abbey Crescent was knocked down by a goods vehicle. Chairman has been contacted by the firm who has accepted responsibility and will pay for replacement. AJ Lighting have begun the works.

**Playing Field:** Cllr Starling - Football season has commenced.

#### **Lockyers Wood:**

**Action;** Frontage in need of cutback

**Parish Footpaths:** Due to Cllr Fielder's absence the Chairman gave an update that Footpath 14 has now been cut.

**TDALC:** Cllr Powell - Nothing to report until the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Transport:** Cllr Roe - Nothing to report.

**Thorpe In Bloom:** The scheme has worked well this summer.

**ACTION;** Cllr Carpenter to chase monies owed & to establish what is happening next with existing baskets.

**Village Greens:** Brambles to be looked at on the perimeter.

Date/Time/Venue of next meeting:

9th October 2017

7.00pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom.

**Close of meeting:** There being nothing further to discuss the meeting finished at 8:30pm.

***Close of Meeting:***