



THORPE-LE-SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Clerk: Mrs Shirley Howe, 7 Rectory Road,
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Ref: 2017/18-7

Minutes of meeting held Monday 9th October 2017 7.00 pm at The Baptist Church schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllrs Land Chairman, Cllr Powell Vice Chairman, Carpenter, Coulter, Ewart, Raftery, Roe, Starling

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Cllrs: Blandford & Fielder both due to work commitments.

The Chairman convened the meeting then welcomed fellow Councillor's, Roger Hawes Tree Warden and 2 members of public.

Minutes of meeting held 11th September 2017 were approved as a True Record and signed by the Chairman.

Declaration of Members Interest: There was none

Chairman's Report:

- *Update was given on all developments in the village*
- *Cllr's were reminded that the Public Inquiry reference appeal for 49 properties in Frinton Rd was being held Wed 11th commencing 9.00 am Richard Everett and Gary Guiver will represent TDC and although it is proven to be one of the most complicated cases it will also have an impact in the future. They will do their best stressing on the importance of Wildlife and the impact it will have on the conservation area.*

- *Special Thanks were paid to the volunteers who helped tidy up neglected areas in the Village i.e. overgrown area on The Spennells and areas along Station Road.*
- *Chairman gave his apologies for the November meeting as he was committed to attend a meeting at TDC. therefore asked V/Chairman Cllr Powell if she would take the meeting to which she replied Yes.*

Public Discussion:

Concern was expressed by a resident regarding various works that have been carried out by Strutt & Parker at Valley Farm. The resident had come along to seek the Parish Council's support and it was alleged that there may-be a Breach of Contract. All of the following had been observed whilst walking along Footpath 4.

- *A Large Hay Barn had been demolished and replaced with a large concrete base that is being used to store Double Decker Buses and Commercial Vehicles.*
- *A massive bunding has been put around the perimeter*
- *A section of Hedge has been removed and there is a drainage pipe that goes into the ditch then flows down into The Brook.*
- *This is Prime Farm Land allegedly with Badger Setts on and the visual impact this has on the open countryside is not acceptable.*

Chairman said in May a Planning Application was received (17/00778/COUNO) to change use of the Straw Barn from agriculture to BB (storage and distribution)

This was for information only with no comments having to be made by The Parish Council. The application was then approved by delegated powers. T.D.C will be asked to investigate.

Correspondence: *For further information refer to October Agenda.*

e-mails: For further information refer to October Agenda

- **B/F from September meeting:** Little Clacton Parish Council:
After a discussion the PC declined the offer to join them in sharing a PCSO but wished them well in their future project.
- **EALC** now delivers Various Short Courses at Councils own venue, and fee for 2 hours would be approx £360.00
C/Over to Nov. meeting allowing Councillor's more time to look at them in preparation for a discussion at the November meeting.
- 2018/19 Budget meeting Wednesday 9th Nov.
*2 pm Clacton Town Hall **Clerk & Cllr Roe will attend.***
- Highways Training session Tues. 14th Nov at Weeley Council Offices
Clerk and Cllrs Coulter & Roe will attend.
- **Land South of Colchester Road.**
Appeal Ref: APP/P1560/W/17/3178045 Planning Ref: 17/00235/OUT
- **Bennetts** – Land off Frinton road – relocation of an existing light
- **RCCE Network Events, Thurs 16/11 Alresford V. Hall 2pm – 4 pm**
*Clerk will attend, **also open to Cllrs.***

Fibre High Speed Broadband: *As Superfast Essex aims to extend Fibre Broadband cover to nearly 100% with the last phase of work, Cllr Ewart considers that it should now become a requirement that all new properties have Fibre Optic Cables to the Door.*

New Planning Applications:

17/01507/FUL, 17/01582/FUL, 17/01629/FUL **No Objections**

17/01644/TCA **Leave decision to TPO**

17/01514/OUT *Erection of 2 new dwellings, Six N Seven, Tendring Road, **Rec. Refusal:** Outside the Village Settlement Boundary, Over-development of site, Urban Sprawl, Will set a president for further development.*

17/01558/OUT Parkers Nurseries, 3 detached single storey dwellings.

Rec. Refusal: Outside the Village Settlement Boundary,
Access adjacent to a very dangerous bend,
Further impact on the already suffering infrastructure.

17/01482/DETAIL Landermere Road: 98 dwellings - Whilst Parish Council agreed to plans for the Outline Application, after a thorough discussion on the Detail Application, it was proposed by Cllr Ewart, seconded Cllr Roe to object for the following considerations: **No amendment was put forward so a vote was taken and recorded 6 against, 2 abstentions.**

SEWERAGE SYSTEM: Landermere Road already has a major problem with the disposal of Sewerage and a lot of concern was expressed that the system will not be able to accommodate any more new properties.

STREET LIGHTING: As the Parish Council have recently replaced all of their Street Lighting with LED'S we would like to request that the Street Lights put up are in keeping with our new ones. A further matter raised was is it ECC's intention to adopt the roads and become responsible for the upkeep of the lights when the site is complete?

SUPER-FAST BROADBAND: As Super-fast Essex aims to extend Fibre Broadband cover to nearly 100% with the last phase of work, we therefore consider that it should now become a requirement that all properties have Fibre Optic Cables to the door.

PARKING: Whilst it is appreciated that the proposal follows guidelines, we would ask that further consideration be given to the following matter.. Thorpe already suffers greatly from Traffic Issues due to parking and we would suggest that guidelines formulated in 2001-2009 may not now give an accurate indication of cars per household in 2017. More often in developments, cars may multiply per occupancy dwelling. In 2001 to 2011 the number of cars / vans on the road rose from 27.8 million to 31.7 million with the largest increase being in the Southeast.

17/01570/OUT *Four detached single storey dwellings, Land adjacent to and north of Folly Farm, 77 Frinton Road*

Rec. Refusl: *Outside Village Settlement Area
Encroachment into Open Countryside
Urban Sprawl
Will Set present for further development
impact on the already suffering infrastructure*

TDC Planning Determinations: *For more information refer to October Agenda.*

All Cllrs at this evenings meeting gave permission for the following cheques to be signed: Direct Debits and Standing Orders were also agreed.

*Cheque Nos: 002266 – 002274 inclusive £1378.12
Numbers 002270 & 72 were canceled*

INCOME: £23708.59 Standing Orders & Direct Debits: £1495.23

For more information regarding Accounts - refer to October Agenda

Tree Warden's Report given by Roger Hawes:

- *Concern continues reference trees at The Abbey and Brickhouse*
- *Growth of Ash Trees usually 10 years*
- *Suffolk have now given up increasing Barn Owls and have now moved onto Swifts.*

County Councillor's Report: *As Cllr Erskine was not present at the meeting there was no report.*

Sub-Committee Reports:**Community Liaison: Cllr. Coulter**

Thorpe Festival Event 1st December. Progress is being made for the event, application for closure of the roads has been confirmed by TDC and arrangements have been made to borrow Road Signs from the Local Police. Next meeting of the committee is being held this week and any further update will be reported at the November meeting.

Highways & Pavements: Cllrs Blandford & Raftery

It has been noticed that various works have taken place in the village I,.e. Reinstatement of Potholes especially around the Memorial and the repainting of Road Markings.

Playing Field: Cllr Starling

The Youth Footballers were continuing to use the field.

LED Lights: Cllr Fielder gave his apologies

Clerk: *Complaint received concerning the new LED light between Manthorpe & Guywright House (Flats) Clerk made enquiries with A & J Lighting who contacted INDU who have confirmed that they do make protective shields to restrict the glare so one has been ordered.*

Lockyers Wood: Cllr Roe

Regular checks carried out and so far no problems.

Parish Footpaths: *In Cllr Fielders absence The Chairman reported that Footpath 14 has been cut by volunteers.*

TDALC: Cllr Powell

Meeting held in Sept. – Speakers were Joy Darby EALC and Neil Stock TDC

Transport: *Nothing to report*

Thorpe in Bloom: *A request was made for volunteers to help collect in all the hanging baskets and return them to Parkers .*

Cllr Carpenter said she can supply and drive the transport but needs male strength to get baskets down. Chairman and Cllr Roe put their names forward.

It was hoped that all donations and costs would be collected by next month.

Village Greens: *Arrangements have been for the Blackberry Hedge to be cut Sunday 15th October.*

Mobile Fish & Chip Van Clerk was approached and asked if there would be any objection to a mobile Fish & Chip van coming into Thorpe.

Councillors sail although it sounds a good idea, it must be remembered that The Margin in High Street is a Chinese and Fish and Chip take-away.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Date/Time/Venue of next meeting:

13th November 2017 7.00pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom.

Close of Meeting:

