



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

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### ***Minutes of meeting held Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 7/00 pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom***

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Powell Vice -Chairman, Blandford, Carpenter, Coulter, Raftery, Roe, Starling, Cty Cllr Andy Erskine, Roger Hawes Tree Surgeon and 3 Members of public

**APOLOGIES:** Ewart, Fielder,

*Vice – Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed Fellow Councillors and Members of the Public then said she hoped everybody had a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

***Confirmation of Minutes:*** Minutes of the December meeting held Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 having previously been circulated were agreed as a True Record and Signed after the following amendments were made.

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

***Chairman’s Report:*** The following report was e-mailed to and read by The Clerk.

*He wished everybody a Happy New Year and said more than ever this will be an important year for us as a Council/Village. We will see developments that have been passed start to be built.*

*Where we have further proposed incursion onto our precious village and its Heritage through development, we must stand strong and united.*

*A number of appeals were announced in early January. The 5 houses along Colchester Road were turned down, whilst the 9 at One Oak (Tendring Fences) and Site adjacent Malting House were allowed. We still await the second Life House application Decision.*

*Chairman recently spent time with Catch PR who manage our Website and said we are looking to have more of a feature on Thorpe Events and Activities. Catch PR do a sterling job for us, for no cost to which we are very grateful, and we can be excited about how that will develop this year.*

*Tendring Council have put forward further funding to ECC/BT to support the roll out of Superfast Broadband and it is hoped that Thorpe will end up with a 99% coverage once the next stage is implemented, as some areas including the Business Park at The Station still operate off Two Meg!*

*Chairman said he was working with Andy / INDO as we are having regular light failings and he was pressing for answers!*

*A year has now passed and there is not one House Built at the allotments, maybe they will sign the allotment plots over now, as there is plenty of soil about.*

**Public Discussion:** *Ray Chrystal spoke on behalf of the Festival Committee and paid special thanks to everybody who helped with the Road Closure on the evening and said that it made a lot of difference regarding safety etc.*

**Lights:** *For many years Peter Harrison has dealt with arranging the Xmas Lights but due to the increased time required and the problems that occurred 2017 he has said that he is resigning from the responsibility and asked if The Parish Council would take over.*

*The Clerk said that this had been discussed previously and she felt that the Parish Council would.*

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*Cllr Roe said over the past couple of years he felt that the lights had not been so colourful and considering Thorpe was the first Village in Tendring to have*

*illuminations he felt that we had been let down & suggested that we look elsewhere. A request was made for Christmas Lights to be an item on the February Agenda for discussion.*

*Ray also said that although the Sign at the entrance to The Crescent had been reported to the chairman when it was first knocked down it was still lying in the hedge. Clerk said she would make inquiries.*

*Cllr Roe suggested that it be reported to Cllr Erskine Chairman of the LHP (Local Highways Panel)*

*Alan Newman said he was disgusted with all the mud that was being left along Frinton Road by the builders on the allotment site. This should be cleaned daily and again The Clerk will make enquiries.*

*Following matters were raised Pat.....*

*She had recently been to the recycling units in the Scout Car Park and said it was like a quagmire. Cllr Roe said he had been to the sight this evening and everything was fine, it was probably that it had been well used over the Christmas period.*

*Is it correct that the Ticket Office at Thorpe Station has now closed?  
The answer was Yes it was. Although Staff will continue to be on the sight for a month, it will only be as a meet and greet to introduce customers to the new system. As of 5<sup>th</sup> February everybody must buy a ticket from the machine.*

*If anybody has a privy card you cannot buy tickets on the internet or at a machine you would have to get the train to Wivenhoe, get off the train to purchase your ticket then wait for the next train to come along to get back on and continue with your journey, waiting time could be an hour.*

**Correspondence/e-mails:** Refer to January Agenda for more detailed information.

**New Planning Applications:** 17/01099/TCA 5 Oak Close, 17/02173/TCA Coolmore Lodge, 17/02201/TBPO TTC Landermere Road, 17.02203/TPO TTC Landermere Rd

The above applications are Tree Works and left to the decision of the TPO

**Councillors were made aware of the following application:**

17/02162/OUT Outline planning application with all matters reserved, except for access for 280 dwellings, a Form of Entry Primary School, 56 place early years nurseries, up to 3000 sqm of office (B!) buildings on 1 hectare & associated ancillary buildings, drainage systems, boundary treatment and hard surfacing as well as Public Open Space, a pedestrian footbridge and vehicular access from Thorpe Road, Land to The South of Thorpe Road, Weeley. After a discussion it was agreed that The Clerk writes in with Thorpe's objections. Clerk discussed with Chairman 9<sup>th</sup> Feb

1. Unwanted expansion into Open Countryside
2. Impact on Listed Local Sites of Interest
3. Inadequate Highway Access to accommodate Residential Properties, Primary School and Office Buildings

**TDC New Planning Applications, Determinations and Appeals:** For more in depth information refer to January 2018 Agenda

As The Chairman has given his apologies for the meeting, The Clerk said she was a signatory for cheques and asked for permission to sign them. Permission was given.

**Cheques for Signature, D/Debits & S/Orders** were agreed by all Cllrs at this evenings meeting.:

For more in depth information refer to January 2018 Agenda.

**Cheque Nos**    002294 £78.00    002295 £3000.00 both including VAT

**Current A/C Bal:**

28/4/17    £33599.05  
30/5/17    £31322.22  
29/6/17    £27289.93  
1/7/17    £16003.39  
1/8/17    £24371.29  
29/9/17    £20181.52  
30/10/17    £28667.20  
29/11/17    £26999.25  
/12/17

**Business A/C**

10/4/17    £30390.02  
9/5/17    30391.23  
9/6/17    30392.52  
10/7/17    30393.81  
18/8/17    30395.06  
11/9/17    20396.09  
13/10/17    30396.87  
9/11/17    30398.12  
/12/17

**Standing Orders:**

	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>VAT</u></b>	<b><u>Collected from Bank</u></b>
A & J Lighting (Abbey Crescent)	£ 78.60	£13.10	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2018
BT Office Telephone	27.40	£ 4.57	29 <sup>th</sup> December
e.on.energy	115.72	£ 5.51	12 <sup>th</sup> January 2018

**D/D's will be paid by Bank on 12<sup>th</sup> of each month £1070.51**

*EALC Short Course Programme's: Carried over to February 2018 meeting*

*Fibre High Speed Broadband: Nothing to report due to Cllr Ewart's apologies*

*Tree Warden's Report: Nothing to report due to Roger Hawes' apologies*

*County Councillor's Report: Nothing to report due to Cllr Erskine's apologies*

**Sub-Committee Reports:**

*Community Liaison: Dealt with under public discussion*

*Highways & Pavements: Nothing to report*

*Playing Field: Nothing to report*

*LED Lights: Concern expressed regarding amount of failures & charges incurred by A & J Lighting*

*Lockyers Wood: Nothing to report*

*Parish Footpaths: Nothing to report due to Cllr Fielder' apologies*

*TDALC: Nothing to report*

*Transport: Nothing to report*

*Thorpe in Bloom: Still awaiting payments*

*Village Greens: Cllr Roe confirmed that work would commence on The Greens when Mr Salter is available with his tractor/trailor*

*Date/Time/Venue of next meeting:*

**MONDAY : 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 7.00pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom.**

**Close of Meeting:** *There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 7.55 pm.*