



THORPE-LE-SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL

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REF: 2017/18-11

Minutes of meeting held Monday 12th February 2018 7.00 pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllrs Land – Chairman, Powell Vice- Chairman, Ewart. Fielder, Raftery, Roe, and 3 Members of Public.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs: Blandford, Coulter & Starling

Chairman Opened the meeting and welcomed Fellow Councillors and Members of The Public.

Confirmation of Minutes: Confirmation of last meeting held Monday 12th February 2018 were agreed as a True Record and Signed by The Chairman after the following amendments were made.

Absent: Cty Cllr Erskine and Roger Hawes were not present at the meeting.

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Declaration of Members Interest: Cllr Roe – Planning Application 18/00098/OUT Land South of Frinton Road.

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Chairman's Report: Chairman gave a very informative update on Local Matters and all Developments in the village and was pleased to report that he had two meetings to attend and they were:

Thursday 15th with Andy (A & J Lighting) and a Representative from Indo in the hope that he will get some explanation as to why so many of the new lights are failing.

And secondly

with Cllr Grundy a Cabinet Member for Essex County Highways to get some assurance from him with regards to the Highways Drainage Scheme and to discuss general matters concerning Highways and footpaths.

Public Discussion:

Member of Public asked for an update on the following:

Removal of Barn and replaced with a very large concrete base, land adjacent Valley Farm - matter was reported to planning, they visited the site, it was evident that the building was new and being used to house large machinery and Buses. This now becomes a Retrospective Planning Application and the owners were asked to submit a new application.

Stables Golden Lane. It had been alleged that there maybe two families living on the site. The matter was reported to TDC who will investigate. Chairman will make further inquiries and request update of both the matters raised.

Pat expressed concern reference the condition of Golden Lane especially along side the highway/verge where a lot of potholes had re-occurred. It is very dangerous especially when you are faced with fast travelling oncoming traffic i.e Very large Farm Machinery, Tractors & Trailors Lorries and buses. Could we not get a Speed Restriction? Chairman said for many years now the Parish Council have been trying to get a restriction along Golden Lane but have always been refused.

Cllr Roe said he was now speaking as a non Car Driver but a Cyclist and said it was also very dangerous for cyclists due to the amount of pot-holes. Chairman said he could see no reason by the Parish Council could not get some quirky signs to put up and said he would make investigations.

Correspondence, e-mails: *for more in depth information, refer to the February Agenda.*

E-mail 8.7 NALC L10-17 Data Protection Officer

*Cllr Roe referred Councillors to the above item on the agenda and said that under the General Data Protection Regulation (effective on 25th May 2018) and new UK legislation expected, Clerks **can not** be designated as the Council's DPO because they do not satisfy all of the requirements which are summarised below.*

- *An absence of conflicts of interests (which may arise from responsibilities as a CLERK/RFO and may include processing activities.*
- *Independence:*
- *Expert knowledge of data protection law and practices and related professional ethics to effectively advise and influence full council and adequate time to perform DPO role.*

COUNCILLOR'S PLEASE ALSO REFER TO 8.13 AND 8.15

New Planning Applications.

18/00039/DETAIL *Land known as The Brambles, St. Michael's Road.*
No Objection *Approval on outline already granted, this is a formality as allowed at appeal stage.*

18/00041/OUT Proposed erection of a dwelling. Land on South Side of Edward Road. **Recommend Refusal for the following reasons:**

This proposed property is on the Holland Brook side and there is mention of constraints due to National Flood Plain. If approval was granted it would be the first application on that side of the road and would set a precedent for additional building. It would also encroach into the current countryside and would affect the street scene irrevocably, it is outside the settlement boundary and is surplus to housing requirements set out in the 5 year supply. Vote recorded **4 objections, 1 abstention, 1 against**

17/02166/FUL Erection of two detached dwellings & garages, Rose Farm, 6 Frinton Road **No Objection**

18/00170/TPO - 17/00053/TPO **Leave to Decision of TPO**

18/00098/OUT D. A. Cant Ltd, Erection of 10 detached single storey dwellings, Land South of Frinton Road. **No Objection**

All Cllr's at this evenings meeting approved Cheques for Signature and agreed D/Debits & S/Orders:

<u>Cheque No:</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>To Whom Paid</u>
002295	£3000.00	£500.00	Not paid to date
002296	£ 35.00		Information Commissioner's Office

(P.F.)

<u>Current A/C Bal:</u>		<u>Business A/C</u>	
28/4/17	£33599.05	10/4/17	£30390.02
30/5/17	£31322.22	9/5/17	30391.23
29/6/17	£27289.93	9/6/17	30392.52
1/7/17	£16003.39	10/7/17	30393.81
1/8/17	£24371.29	18/8/17	30395.06
29/9/17	£20181.52	11/9/17	20396.09
30/10/17	£28667.20	13/10/17	30396.87

29/11/17	£26999.25	9/11/17	30398.12
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29 /12/17	£22345.35	11/12/17	30399.45
29/01/18	£20752.84	09/01/18	30400.66

<u>Standing Orders:</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Collected from Bank</u>
A & J Lighting (Abbey Crescent)	£357.60	£59.60	15 th February 2018
BT Office Telephone	25.21	£ 4.20	29 th January 2018
e.on energy	115.72	£ 5.51	12 th January 2018
e-on energy	115.72	£ 5.51	11 th February 2018

Both of the following D/D's will be paid by Bank on 12th of each month

Danny Kimble Playing Field. General Maint: £340.00
 Shirley Howe - Clerk – Wages & Expenses £730.51

Christmas Lights 2018: All Cllrs received a copy of the e-mails received from Lynn Director of Festive Lighting. Concern was expressed regarding Change of the Firms name and Cllr Ewart said he would investigate the situation.

Fibre High Speed Broadband: Very Information report was given by Cllr Ewart

Tree Warden's Report: Only problem was a couple of trees that had been blown down at The Abbey during the last storm.

County Councillor's Report: Cllr Erskine gave various reports throughout the meeting.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Community Liaison: Cllr Coulter e-mailed following report to Clerk:

- Festival Presentation Evening Tuesday 13th February 7.30 pm at The Rose and Crown. All welcome to attend.
- Park Fridays – Plans will be in the making early April.

- *Lockyer's Wood: Kelly has been making a few enquiries and has some ideas regarding a possible use of the area and hopes to meet with Cllr Roe.*

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Playing Field: *No report due to Cllr Starlings apologies*

LED Lights: *Refer to Chairman's Report*

Lockyers Wood: *Report e-mailed in by Cllr Coulter and read by The Clerk. Refer to County Liaison report at top of Sub committee list.*

Parish Footpaths: *Cllr Fielder said some of the paths were very weedy and required treatment.*

TDALC: *Last meeting held 17th January 2018:
Report of matters discussed given by Cllr Powell:*

- 1) *Data Protection Regulations*
- 2) *EALC will be asked to initiate a campaign via NALC to get a policy set to ensure that H/Ways Dept's ability to raise objections on Highways Grounds were not reduced.*
- 3) *Potholes*
- 4) *Planning: History of the time limit for commencing works was outlined:*
 - *Prior to 1969 No Limit*
 - *After 1969 it was a five year limit*
 - *After 2009 it was reduced to 3 years.*
 - *The Draft Local Plan was with the Inspector for approval and it was hoped that this would be forthcoming.*

Transport: *Cllr Roe gave a very informative report on the last Transport meeting that he recently attended and said that the majority of the time was taken up by a discussion reference closure of Ticket Office's and the problems that have occurred.*

Thorpe in Bloom: *Cllr Roe said he needed to speak to Cllr Carpenter regarding the floral baskets as everything needs to be finalized with Parkers by April.*

Village Greens: Arrangements were made between Cllr Roe and Rogers Hawes to commence work on the The Green.

Date/Time/Venue of next meeting:

MONDAY 12th March 7.00pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom.

Close of Meeting: There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

