



THORPE-LE-SOKEN PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD MONDAY 13TH MAY 2019 7.00PM AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM

As there was not enough Candidates, the Election for Thorpe le Soken was uncontested with Cllrs Blandford, Carpenter, Cooper, Coulter, Land, Powell, Raftery and Starling all being duly elected as Councilors for Thorpe le Soken. All Cllrs, with the exception of Cllr Starling, signed A Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Due to Cllr Starling giving her apologies she will sign at a later date.

PRESENT: Cllrs: Land Resigning Chairman: Cllr Powell Resigning Vice-Chairman Blandford, Carpenter, Coulter, Raftery (Cllrs Ewart & Fielder were both co-opted back onto the Council)

APOLOGIES; Cllr Starling

Resigning Chairman Opened the meeting, welcomed fellow councillors, members of the Public then asked for nominations for a Chairman.

Cllr Powell proposed Cllr Land - this was seconded by Cllr Carpenter. There being no further nominations Cllr Land was duly re-appointed as Chairman of Thorpe le Soken Parish Council and signed a further Declaration of Acceptance.

Councilor's were then asked if there were any nominations for A Vice Chairperson, Cllr Land proposed Cllr Powell – this was seconded by Cllr Coulter. There being no further nominations Cllr Powell was duly re-appointed as Vice Chairman of Thorpe le Soken Parish Council.

Cllr Land welcomed Martyn Cooper to the Council and said that he had been a familiar face at all The LifeHouse appeal meetings.

Chairman said he felt very honored to have been re-elected as Chairman for the ensuing year and said the last 12 months have been a very challenging and demanding year but he feels sure we are in a strong position moving forward.

Cllr Land said he was very shocked to have received some sad news that Rogers Hawes had recently passed away and his Funeral will be taking place at St Michael's Church Thursday 23rd at 12.00pm. Roger was a very Interesting Opinionated knowledgeable Character who had been the Thorpe le Soken Tree Warden for many years and he will be very sadly missed by all who knew him.

Confirmation of Minutes of last meeting held Monday 8th April 2019 having previously been circulated were agreed as a True Record and signed by The Chairman after two amendments were made.

Cllr Blandford was present at the meeting.

Typing error page 2 under LED Lights - should be November 2018 not 2019

Co-Option:

Mr James Ewart has been a Parish Cllr for Thorpe since 2011 but due to pressing matters he missed submitting his papers on time

Mr Matt Fielder has also been a Parish Cllr for the last four years but due to work commitment's, he also missed the date for submitting his papers

The Chairman said both Mr Ewart and Mr Fielder are well known faces on the Parish Council and have certainly contributed in trying to make Thorpe a better place to live. Cllr Raftery proposed, seconded Cllr Powell that they both be re-elected as Councillors for Thorpe and the Acceptance Form was signed by them both.

Declaration of Members Interest: *Councillors to declare any Personal or Judicial interest in any items on the Agenda. Interests may also be declared at any point in the meeting where they become apparent.*

For the benefit of Mr Cooper The Chairman explained the Sub Committees and said each Councillor is invited to help out on any of the Committees and asked Martyn if there was any particular one that he would like to join, to which he replied The Planning Committee. Chairman said he would be joining Cllrs Powell, Carpenter and Ewart.

Each month Cllr Ewart receives all the new planning applications for Thorpe, he then inspects the plans and if necessary, visit the site, then lists any comments he may have. They are then passed around the committee members so they can also look at them prior to the Parish Council meeting. Usually all comments are collated by Cllr Powell who gives a report at the meeting.

Chairman then proposed that all the Sub-Committee's as in the previous years be voted on block, this was seconded by Cllr Ewart all in favour.

Election of Sub-Committees:

Community Liaison & Lockyer's Wood - Cllr Kelly Coulter

Christmas Lights - Cllr Simon Raftery

Finance - Accountant, Clerk and Cllrs Ewart and Land

Highways & Pavements - Cllr Blandford

Parish Footpaths - Cllr Matt Fielder

Planning - Cllrs: Ewart, Carpenter, Cooper and Powell

Playing Field - Cllr Starling

Street Lighting - Clerk and Chairman

TDALC - Cllr Powell

Thorpe in Bloom - Cllr Carpenter

Transport:

Village Greens - Cllr Fielder

Chairman's Report:

It's A Knockout: *Chairman said he was getting very excited, and its popularity is proving to be a Great Success. Each Entrance fee is £250 per team and already we have made back the deposit paid. The whole day is going to be fabulous and full of activities both competitive and fun for all the family.*

LIFEHOUSE APPEAL: *All the meetings were well attended with the last one being in April. Cllr Land said the Inspector was very unbiased and never refused anybody from speaking*

It was also reported that The Inspector and a Colleague were spotted in the Village one afternoon at approximately 2.30 -3.00pm. The village was in complete bedlam with all the traffic i.e. Buses, Lorries, Cars, Articulated Lorries and Parents with Children were risking their lives in trying to cross the road.

Public Discussion:

Ian Clerk said he was increasingly concerned reference the amount of heavy traffic that was being redirected along Tendring Road, sometimes it is parked back as far the Horse Boxes waiting to get onto the Colchester Road. It is also causing much vibration to the properties.

Special Thanks were paid to Pam's Husband Terry for refurbishing a seat in the village. The other one was in a state of disrepair so now consideration will be given to replacing it.

Correspondence/e-mails. For further information please refer to May 13th 2019 Agenda

- **Richard Parry - meeting with Parish Council - Garden Communities**
the discussion was of mixed feelings and no answer was given as to whether Richard Perry be invited to attend a meeting.

Cllr Ewart said we must be fractural. The whole concept may be to build a community that will be Eco friendly. Do we remain mute over this, do we engage or do we do nothing. This is not a current demand but is something for the future.

Planning: INFORMATION ONLY: Amended plans in respect of 9 Bungalows Submission of Details following outline planning permission 17/00925/OUT allowed on Appeal, Land rear of One Oak, Colchester Road.

New Applications: 19/00602/DETAIL following outline permissions 16/01652/OUT and 17/01558/Out South of Frinton Road, CO16OHS
19/00638/FUL No objection

Determinations: None were received

ACCOUNTS: All Cllrs at this evenings meeting approved the Cheques for Signature and direct debits

For further information relating to Accounts please refer to May 13th Agenda.

To review and adopt the - Code of Conduct - Standing Orders - Financial Regulations

Cllr Land said due to other commitments he had been very busy and not had time to look at them so he proposed that they be accepted as they are now and when they had been read any proposed changes would be put to Council for them to be adopted. This was seconded Cllr Coulter and unanimously agreed

Fibre High Speed Broadband: no update

Tree Warden: no update, tributes were paid to Roger

Sub Committee Reports:

Community Liaison *Cllr Coulter said under CIL what and how much money would we be entitled to, to improve the Pavements & Footpaths in the village.*

If we could get enough helpers for a couple of days we could do as much cleaning as possible. This is what other Council's seem to be doing.

Cllr Land proposed, seconded Cllr Ewart all in favour of arranging a-clean-up weekend.

Kelly said we are now nearing time when it is proposed to start work in Lockyer's Wood therefore a deposit of £27000/£28000 is required. There was a discussion and Permission was given to The Clerk to write a cheque for the required deposit. This was proposed Cllr Land, seconded Cllr Ewart all in favour

Christmas Lights; *Nothing to report at this stage*

Finance: *Dealt with by The Clerk and Accountant.*

Highways & Pavements *Cllr Carpenter said she had received complaints regarding the dirty Footpaths*

Lockyer's Wood: *Hopefully work will commence on the new Play Area sometime in June.*

Parish Footpaths *Both machines have been in for their annual check.*

Playing Field *Goal Mouth on the P.F has been moved, levelled and re-seeded.*

Street Lighting *Chairman said light near Abbey Gardens has been out for some time now and we waiting for UK Power Networks to do some work. No date confirmed when*

TDALC: *Cllr Powell said the next meeting was 29th May*

Thorpe in Bloom: Cllr Carpenter said when the baskets were ready she and her husband would collect them but any other help to put them up would be appreciated.

Transport:

Village Greens: As both of the Representatives who looked after The Village Green have passed away during the last year. Cllr Fielder has kindly offered to take them over.

County Councilor's Report: Cllr Erskine gave his apologies for arriving late but he was at another commitment.

National Salary Award for Clerks as recommended by EALC and to be implemented from 1st April 2019 should it be agreed. The new hourly rate has been calculated as £10.37 (previously £10.11). We then take the £10.37 multiply by 16 hours per week (as per contract) which gives £165.92 per week (previously £162.56) x 52 divide by 12 = £718.99 monthly gross pay previously £700.96. If the Council agree this will give The Clerk a payment of £791.99 compared with the £773.96 paid previously. The Chairman proposed that the Clerk received the recommended rate, this was seconded Cllr Ewart, all in Favour.

Items for consideration at next meeting: Cllrs are reminded to let The Clerk know of any items for consideration at the next meeting 7 clear working days prior to date of meeting

Date/Time/Venue of next meeting:

MONDAY 10th June 2019 7.00 pm at The Baptist Church Schoolroom.

Close of Meeting: There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed
At 9.10 pm

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