



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held Monday March 13th 2025 at Thorpe Baptist Church

March 2025

Minutes

1. Chairman To convene meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance

2. Apologies for absence: Councillors Coulter and Moor

In attendance: Chairman, Councillors Cooper, Carpenter, Fielder, Blandford, Holland, Ewart

1 M.O.P: Robin Kerner

3. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held Monday 13th January 2025

Having been previously circulated, the chairman proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Councillor Fielder seconded the motion.

4. Declaration of Members Interests

There were none

5. Public discussion

Mr Kerner raised concerns regarding the speed of cars through the village. He also raised concerns regarding the amount of development that is going to be happening and the types of houses that are being built as these do not meet the needs of local people. A discussion took place regarding the traffic and the discussions that have taken place with Essex highways

6. Chairman's report

The chairman provided an update on the highways repairs that have happened in Thorpe and the local area. He also went on to explain what is happening with the devolution scheme and the unitary council. A new section has been cleared in Lockyers Wood where we hope to install some new junior play equipment.

7. RSA grant funding request

The request for grant funding from RSA for their firework display was discussed along with the information they had provided regarding it being open to the community, not just the school and how arranged displays reduce the number of private displays that take place, thereby minimizing the disruption and potential distress to animals and people that do not like fireworks. Councillor Fielder proposed a grant of £1000 towards the RSA, Councillor Carpenter seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

8. Lady Nelson

Due to the ongoing situation with the Lady Nelson playing field, the solicitor has recommended increasing the budget by £5,000. Councillor Fielder proposed that we increase the budget by £5k as recommended by the solicitor, Councillor Ewart seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed

9. Path Cleaning - Purchase of Mechanical Cleaner

Councillor Fielder gave an overview of the road cleaner, councillor Holland proposed that we proceed with a purchase of the cleaner, Councillor Carpenter seconded. All were in favour.

10. Change of day for monthly council meeting

After a brief discussion, it was decided that the monthly meeting date would remain on the second Monday of the month.

11. Local Plan

Due to the new governments planning reforms and housing targets, TDC is revising their current local plan in order to meet the new housing targets. A public consultation on 'issues and options' is running until the 14th April, with a view to shape a 'preferred options draft' which will be open for consultation in summer/autumn of this year. Thorpe PC wish to work closely with TDC and other local parish and town councils to shape the revised local plan in order to minimize the impact on local people and infrastructure.

12. Planning

Applications received

25/00127/FULHH	Householder Planning Application - 1 and a half storey rear extension, enlarged front dormer and open porch.	No objection
25/00216/WTPO	Works related to Tree Preservation Order (95/00022/TPO) - Remove the x2 closest mature Oak trees to property	Leave to TPO
25/00241/FULHH	Householder Planning Application - Proposed partial garage conversion and insertion of first floor window	No objection

Applications determined

24/01711/VOC Approval - Full	Removal of Conditions	Land adjacent to Thorpe Green Farm Colchester Road
24/01689/COUNOT Determination prior approval not reqred	Prior Approval Application for change of use of an agricultural building into two dwellings.	Whitehall Farm Whitehall Lane
24/01861/AGRIC Determination prior approval not reqred	Application to determine if prior approved is required for UKCA marked agricultural building to BS5502 Class II. Free Standing Portal Frame building. For the storage of animal feed and grain.	Thorpe Park Farm 5 Thorpe Park Lane
24/01808/VOC Approval - Full	Variation of Condition 2 (Drawings) to amend the rear doors, and the discharge of Conditions 3,4,6, 10, 12 and 13 of application 24/01394/FUL.	75 Frinton Road

24/01867/LBC Application for Listed Building Consent - External Churchgate High Street
 Approval - Listed works to numbers 1-4 and 7-8 Churchgate,
 Building Consent comprising re-rendering of 1980s extension walls
 with a modern silicone render system, replacement
 of 2no. windows with slimline double glazed timber
 windows, replacement rainwater goods with cast
 aluminium and replacement of rear window to no.7
 with new stable door.

13. Accounts for period 14th January 2025 – 10th February incl.

To receive and approve the monthly accounts and payments.

Cllrs to approve Cheques/on-line payments for signature/approval, agree D/Debits & S/Orders:
 All cheques/on-line payments to be signed by two designated members of PC.

STANDING ORDERS:

J Ball £ [REDACTED] Staff Wages
 Naze Lamb £490 PF maintenance

Payee	Invoice	Amount	Budget line
Clacton Business Services	Jan/Feb	£50.40	Payroll Services
MRL	Jan/Feb	£2971.20	Christmas Lights
Ecoguard	Jan/Feb	£90	Allotments – wasp nest removal
Ruth Layzell	Jan/Feb	£350	Community Garden reimbursement
N.Power	Jan/Feb	£419.94	S. Light energy
Affnity water	Jan/Feb	£15.18	Allotments
Birkett Long LLP	Jan/Feb	£487.20	Legal fees – Lady Nelson
ICO	Feb/March	£40	GDPR registration
Playquip	Feb/March	£540	Play equipment repairs
Scottish Power	Feb/March	£488.29	Christmas lights power
N.Power	Feb/March	£448.09	Street light energy
Birkett Long LLP	Feb/March	£1159.20	Legal fees – Lady Nelson
Payments Pending/requiring approval			
Income Received			
Little Clacton Youth FC		£30	Pitch hire
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Councillor Fielder proposed that the accounts be accepted, Councillor Ewart seconded which was unanimously agreed.

14. Sub Committee Reports:

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| a. Christmas Lights | Nothing to update |
| b. Highways and Pavements | Nothing to update |
| c. Lockyer's Wood | Nothing to update |
| d. Parish Footpaths & Village Greens | Nothing to update |
| e. Playing Field | Nothing to update |
| f. Street Lighting | Nothing to update |
| g. Thorpe in Bloom | Nothing to update |
| h. Allotments | Nothing to update |

15. Date of next meeting

Monday 14th April

16. Close of meeting