

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 05th SEPTEMBER 2019 following on from the preceding meeting in the Guildhall**

Present: Councillors: T Frostick (Chairman), A Frater (Vice Chairman), W Brazier, R Williams, I Stewart, J Spencer A Wattebot, A Howells, V Knight, R Barrington

Also Present: Dena Ludford (Clerk & RFO) & 1 member of the Public

19/20.485 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Cllr S Walsh
District Cllr M Tayler
Cllr D Morgan

19/20.486 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None received

19/20.487 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

None received

19/20.488 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH OF THAXTED

(see attached report)

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19/20.490 MINUTES

RESOLVED To **APPROVE** and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on **08th August 2019**

19/20.491 FINANCE

a) To review online payment for Approval

RESOLVED To sign and **APPROVE** the online payments as detailed

19/20.492 WORKING GROUP REPORTS

To receive an update from the following working groups to include the latest meetings dates, discussion points and considered activities.

I. Library working group

The Vice chairman reports that there is Plenty of chatter with regard to more people withdrawing although we were unaware that there were two expression of interests. The Chairman wants to know if we should also be withdrawing. We have a telephone liaison call due sometime after the 10th Sept, if councillors have questions prior to the call they should address then through the Vice chairman. The overarching decision is to gather further information however the current proposal for support which is £18k over three years is not good enough.

II. Community Land Trust working group

Following on from the working group meeting, The first thing which needs to be discussed is that the working group should become a steering group, (the clerk suspended the standing orders for this resolution) if this is well received during this meeting a further resolution to formulate this will be made. Cllr Brazier discussed that during the working group meeting two sites were discussed with UDC and from this we are now working around the old allotment site which sits along the Bardfield road. We have a desire to know what UDC will permit and once some outline plans have been drawn up they can be shared.

The chairman proposed that we Borrow £1000 from the CCTV EMR to pump fund this. (suspended standing orders for this resolution) this was unanimously **RESOLVED**.

Administration resource was also discussed and who might be able to dedicate the time going forward, it was determined that the clerk would be able to administer some of the initial work on the provision that this was

Chairman Signature:

able to be achieved within the usual hours worked, after this, a dedicated person employed for this role should be considered.

- III. Prevention of Crime working group
Nothing to report.

19/20.493 EQUIPMENT POLICY

RESOLVED To review and **APPROVE** the new Equipment policy (subject to wording amendments from Firm to Council)

19/20.494 ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS

Cllr Frater reports that there is a desire in UDC for additional charging points within Thaxted. E.g. Margaret Street car park and possible other areas.

Cllr Knight wishes to state, there is a Difference between closed protocol or open plug and go , each different car does not have a uniform socket and often the organisation that run the scheme and then the charge points will need changed, the maintenance and repair charges are also very expensive. Cllr Frostick seconds Cllr Knights points and believed that we have other projects in hand now which require our attention and this council is not minded to pursue electric charging points at this time,

19/20.495 TR1 FOR S106 SAMFORD ROAD

RESOLVED To **AGREE** to authorise the Chairman & Clerk to sign the Transfer agreement for the Open Space land at Samford Road

RESOLVED To **AGREE** that the commuted lump sum is placed in the EMR account for the sole use of the Long Term maintenance of this open space.

RESOLVED To **AUTHORISE** the Clerk to utilise the funds in accordance with the S106 agreement and as part of the open spaces schedule.

19/20.496 COACH PARK

To **NOTE** the returned tender report and costings for the Remodelling of the Coach Park into a Car Park.

To **AGREE** the next phase of this project and to seek to identify funding opportunities (Clerk to report back)

Conclusion from this, is the clerk will liaise with the school and our county councillor and the placement of S106 monies spent might be used to support this application in a collaborative way. Further changes might be to remove the charging points. Ask others with professional knowledge to best we might move this forward. Cllr Victoria Knight will gather further tender information and report this back to the clerk.

19/20.497 SIGNAGE ON RECREATION GROUND

The clerk reports that those who use the play area are not respecting the work of the ground's maintenance person and reports of children running behind dangerous equipment has been made. The Clerk seeks permission to create a sign placed at the entrance of the area (Play Area Closed please do not Enter) which the contractor can place and take photographic evidence that this has been done.

19/20.498 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

The Chairman updates on matters connected to: The Churches are putting together a society showcase on the 21st September, you are welcome to attend. Also they have asked if a contribution to a town leaflet was to be created. This was discussed at length and the council whilst sympathetic to the cause, were unanimous in their decision that they would not be minded to offer any support. The Parish Council have been informed of the date of the event, and they thank you for the kind invitation.

We seem to have been implicated in the objection of the Local Plan, Regulation 19 is connected to Garden Villages, we didn't object to this and wish to make clear that this council has **not** passed any resolution about regulation 19 and or pulling the local plan. The clerk is to ask explicitly where they got their information from and correct this misguided and misleading statement.

The remembrance Parade, The Parish Council is taking full responsibility for the parade and the Clerk has arranged the Rolling road closures the insurance, the event plan and St Johns ambulance has been organised, Cllr Brazier will take control of the parade and Cllr Knight the church 'fall in' activities.

We must congratulate the Clerk on her Unqualified audit recently received, the details of this are available to view via our web page and paper vision are available upon request in line with our publication policy.

19/20.499 FUTURE MEETING DATES

RESOLVED To APPROVE the amendment of the following:

Finance & Assets Committee meeting from the 12th December 2019 to the 21st November 2019

19/20.500 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Council Meeting will be on Thursday 3rd October 2019 at Thaxted Guildhall at 8pm or following the previous Planning and Highways meeting if so held.