

# THROWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting Monday 19th March 2018 at 7.30pm Throwley Church, Throwley

PRESENT: Frances Wilson (Chairwoman)  
Roger Clarke (Vice-Chairman)  
Tim Young  
Adam Jastrzebski  
Roger Scutt  
Sian Lewis  
Alan Murphy  
Rachel Cowtan (Clerk)  
and two parishioners

### Annual Parish Meeting

#### 1. Welcome and chairs report

Thanks went to all councillors, who not only attend meetings but give up their time behind the scenes. Frances Wilson then went on to report on the main activities in the Parish Council and the parish over the last year.

- a) Has been a busy year, including work on improving broadband, the memorial for the airfield, treecutting, and clerk resignation.
- b) Final resolution of broadband service involving many councillors. Adams efforts resulted in a cabinet on the green which has seen large improvements on broadband for those who access it from there. There will also be further announcements later this year on the agreement between the Government and the Church of England to boost digital connectivity using church spires.
- c) Local affordable housing application is now in. Parish councillors have been active in the design, choice of site, publicising and mobilising parishioners to show support. Planning committee meeting this month that Roger Clarke and Roger Scutt will be attending.
- d) Airfield memorial was a huge project, thanks given to Roger, Adam and Sian. Unveiling on 31<sup>st</sup> July was a big success, with interesting presentation from Anthony Moor, the author of the book "Kent's Forgotten Airfield. Throwley 1917-1919". There was a good a good turnout. The event was well publicised in local press.
- e) Footpaths - noticeboard fixed– thanks to Brendan Clarke. Footpaths have also been added to Kent County Council rota for maintenance. Can also use ramblers pathwatch app to log issues.
- f) Subsidiary money from Colin Prescott
- g) Precept same level for last 6 years. We look to spend this wisely, and value the important help of willing parishioners in this.
- h) This is a very social parish with many events for such a small parish, none of which can be achieved without local residents' support.

#### 2. Open forum

Issue of road sign damage by hedge cutters raised. To be discussed at next meeting.

## Parish council meeting

1. **Minutes of Meeting** 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 taken as read.
2. **Grass cutting in the churchyard**
  - a) Grass cutting fee– difficult to determine value of unissued invoices as company has changed hands. **Action: Clerk to review previous bill and confirm so that they can bill us**
  - b) Roger Clarke saw Michael Runnings about price for churchyard. Seems too expensive.
3. **Points to raise in support of the proposed assisted housing at Leaveland Corner, for the planning hearing (new date 25<sup>th</sup> April)**

A few local residents on Bagshill Road were opposed to the development on grounds of the visual impact. Roger Scutt, Roger Clarke and Francis to meet up and prepare in advance of meeting. **Action: Clerk - resolve points on website being missing prior to this. Seems to have been procedural issue with way we were submitting our comments. Will amend procedures, and ensure councillors are cc'd in when submitting comments**
4. **New clerk queries, and bank signatories update**
  - a) GDPR was discussed. Action: Clerk to review processes.
  - b) Signatories reviewed and paperwork signed as appropriate.
  - c) Pothole blitz starting in April. You can notify the council using a tool provided by the council. **Action: Clerk to send to Sarah Reeves for emailing to residents.**
5. **Any other business**
  - a) 2031 swale plan in North Street – Roger Clarke will attend presentation in April.
  - b) Roger Clarke to attend next full council re: parish council losing planning rights.
  - c) Francis' last meeting today, and new chair will need to be agreed. Co-opting a new councillor also discussed. Thanks given to Frances for all her hard work. **Action: Roger Clarke to contact relevant parties.**
  - d) Good snow clearing job done.

Time and date of next meeting is **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018** at 7.30pm Parsonage Farm after the AGM.