

## **MINUTES OF THE THORNHAM MAGNA VILLAGE MEETING HELD ON 11th JANUARY 2012 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** 16 members including the officers

Joan Maughan (Chair), Tina Schwarz (Clerk), Julia Henniker (Minutes)

**1 Apologies for absence:** Councillor Diana Kearsley, John Cousins, Helen Sibley, Dave Cowdell, Lorna Polke, Sylvie Fawcett, Mik Farrell, Olive Howlett, Joyce Mayes, Stephen Schwarz

**2 The minutes of the last meeting** held on 21st September 2011 were accepted as correct by the Meeting and signed as such by the Chair.

**3 Matters arising** Janine Eves said she will report back from the Gislingham Youth Group about including young people from the Thornhams.

Julia Henniker had emailed a piece about the Red House tennis court to the Messenger for inclusion in the February and/or March issues. She also reported that the plaque from Lord Henniker's 80th birthday tree at Thornham Walks had been repaired and was waiting to be cemented into the ground.

**4 Financial report** The Clerk presented the current figures and budget which is as previously budgeted. The Clerk circulated a completed risk assessment for the coming year which was approved by the members. The budget for 2012/13 was explained and was accepted unanimously. Following discussion it was agreed to allocate £250 from the budget towards the launch of the playground which will tie in with the celebrations for the Jubilee. This amount will only be allocated if there is a shortfall in the funds secured on the day. There was discussion on the need to raise the precept with mixed views expressed. It was confirmed that the precept had to be set in the January meeting each year with those in attendance voting. It was agreed that this item would be scheduled for the Jan 2013 meeting and information circulated before the meeting to encourage wider attendance. The precept of £552 was proposed by Dame Anne, seconded by Joe Vaudrey and accepted with one abstention

**5 Planning** There was one application for listed building consent for renovations to a cottage in Clay Street which has been passed. The Clerk explained that the Planning Department at MSDC were anxious to simplify and economise on the amount of plans they had sent round in the past. They now email the Clerk with applications, she will email the planning circulation list plus anyone new who is interested, they can always look at details on the MSDC website and comment within a three week period. Neighbours will be notified by letter and the usual yellow posters will be put up outside a site as has always been the case.

**6 Update on playground** Dave Cowdell had quotations for two sets of swings and costed ones costing £1,700 as component parts. This was a very good price and Joe Vaudrey has volunteered to help put them up. Nigel Merriam said he could move the oak tree trunk from the Town Meadow. Jude Farrell said that stepping blocks could be made – perhaps out of some of the oak which was a massive piece of wood. It was agreed that the village should be leafleted with this information and a request for donations towards this work and any extras such as new benches.

**7 Jubilee** The Village Hall committee had decided to put effort into a tea party and children's games to mark the Queen's Jubilee in June. They would not be running the barbeque this year. The committee was overworked and last year had been an enormous amount of work. Jennifer Vaudrey, Priscilla Macrae and Christine Moore (from Thornham Parva) volunteered to be on a working party to explore ideas. They would co-opt other volunteers.

### **8 Future events**

Jan 13 Quiz night

Feb 3rd Amy Robinson, Stories for grown ups (tickets from Lorna 01379 678409), £7 including glass of wine

Feb 11th Village photographic exhibition preview at Beyond the Image Gallery, Red House Yards

Feb 25th Jumble sale, 2pm

Mar 9th Film: Tinker Taylor Soldier Spy (tickets from Priscilla 672 903)

Mar 16th David Raeburn, Sailing round the world, tickets from Lorna as above £7

April 21st Film night, title to be confirmed

May 4th Cheese and wine, Village Hall

**AOB** Dame Anne said that the growing number of wild cats in and around her garden had prompted her to get someone from the cats rescue centre in Debenham to visit.

Ben Hall asked for donations of tools in good repair for the Beyond the Wall project in the Walled Garden.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 8th May 2012, 7.30pm Village Hall

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE AGM**

Joan Maughan, Chair, 788468

Tina Schwarz, Clerk, 788207