

MINUTES FOR THE THORNHAM MAGNA VILLAGE MEETING HELD ON 8th JANUARY 2013 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: 13 members of the Meeting plus Joan Maughan (Chair), Tina Schwarz (Clerk and RFO) and Julia Henniker (Minutes)

1 Welcome Apologies for absence from Diana Kearsley, Lorna Polke, Tim and Thelma Thorogood, Priscilla and Ian Macrae, Eileen Chandler, Josephine Henniker Major.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 11th September 2012 Passed unanimously.

3 Matters arising Agreed to deal with under AOB apart from the website. Mark Hatton has done a great deal of work and would welcome comments from the village. It was felt that current items can quickly drop far down the home page, perhaps on the home page should be the first few lines, and then click through to the continuation? There will soon be a dedicated Village Meeting page with information and documents relating to the Meeting.

4 Financial Report from RFO who talked through the financial update and proposed budget for the coming year. At 5.12.12 we had £122.09 in our current account and £657.03 in our deposit account. The RFO proposed a £50 reserve for future repairs at the playground at the village hall, to be built up in subsequent years. She also proposed a £100 contingency for the coming year. It was agreed that the Meeting should support by £50 the building of a seesaw for the playground, the balance of £200 for this item to be raised at a fundraiser later this year. Joan Maughan pointed out that we do not want to conflict with other urgent fundraising, ie the village hall. Brian Haynes said that perhaps the Village hall trustees should consider keeping the Meeting hire increases to an absolute minimum as the Meeting is working for all the village. We hope that the playground has enhanced the Hall and will help future lettings. Expenditure next year is potentially £757 including 3% inflation plus £50 see-saw contribution. The RFO proposed a precept of £569 for the year 2013/14, an increase of 3%. The precept was proposed by Jo Vaudrey and seconded by Jenny Groenveld. Agreed unanimously, with no abstentions.

It was agreed to proceed with the see-saw. The Budget for 2013/14 was proposed by Joe Vaudrey and seconded by James Fawcett. Pass unanimously with no abstentions.

5 Playground at the Village Hall It was agreed that the task force should continue. Dave Cowdell commenting that we could do more and as we all worked together so well on this project we could continue with cooperation with the Village Hall Trustees.

6 Traffic and speeding update JM proposed that we should write formally in very strong terms to Diana Kearsley (our District Councillor and a member of the Police and Crime Panel) and Tim Passmore (Police Commissioner and member of MSDC) to remind them that MSDC are responsible for Thornham Walks. They must be aware of the increase in traffic to the Walks this year through the receipts at the car park. The risk attached to speeding traffic on the unregulated Gislingham Road is simply unacceptable. BH also pointed out that the Wickham Road which has a 30mph limit is also widely ignored. It is time that MSDC took real action.

7 Future events 8th February, Untouchable film 7.30 at the Village Hall; 15th February, Quiz Night at the Village Hall 7.30; 16th February, Thornham Photographic Exhibition opening at Beyond the Image Gallery, Red House Yards, 2-5pm, all welcome.

8 AOB

Litter pick dated fixed Sunday 17th March, 10am, meet at the Village Hall. All welcome as there is a great deal of litter on village roads. Ben Hall has kindly agreed to organise this.

Helen Sibley's Thornham Walks report was read out by JM. The future for the Walks is uncertain, decisions may be made by March and a new regime in place by May. It will involve a lower level of involvement by staff on the ground here.

SCC are kept aware of our flooding in and around the village. The contractors do what is possible but inevitably blockages build up over the months.

Jubilee medals: at the close of this busy jubilee year, Jennifer Vaudrey is distributing Thornham Magna medal to village children. The Village Meeting officers agreed between Meetings to contribute £11 to the cost.

Mr Mowle's centenary was reported with many congratulations to him on this important birthday.

Best wishes were sent to Maria Parkhurst at the Horseshoes for a full recovery after her recent illness.

The fallen tree on the Carnser. The Estate are not now dealing with this as the wood has no value. The land is very wet and heavy kit will be needed to deal with this problem. The Clerk to obtain price for cutting a way through but not removing the debris, bearing in mind that the Meeting cannot spend precept on this. It was suggested that we register the walk between the first footbridge and the village hall as a public right of way. The Clerk will speak to SCC about the possibility of this.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 14th May 2013, 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

The Meeting closed at 9pm.

News.

The Thornham Magna Village Meeting now has its very own page on the village website: www.thornhams.org. Please remember to check regularly for general information, dates of meetings, planning applications and an archive of documents. Click on 'Village Meeting' **in the black bar** at the top of any page.

Events.

Friday 8th February.

Film: UNTOUCHABLE,
Village Hall, 7.30, tickets £5 from Priscilla 672903

Friday 15th February.

Village Hall quiz night

Saturday 16th February.

Thornhams photographic exhibition, Beyond the Image Gallery,
OPENING PARTY 2 to 5pm, EVERYBODY WELCOME
(exhibition runs until Sunday 24th)

Friday 1st March.

Film: SKYFALL,
Village Hall, 7.30, tickets £5 from Priscilla 672903

Saturday 16th March.

Village Hall jumble sale

Sunday 17th March.

Thornham Magna litter pick,
Ben Hall 783878