

**MINUTES OF THE THORNHAM MAGNA VILLAGE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: 11 members present including Joan Maughan (Chair) and Julia Henniker (Minutes)

Attending: Cllr Jessica Fleming (SCC) and Cllr Diana Kearsley (MSDC)

1 Welcome and apologies for absence from Tina and Stephen Schwarz, Mick Farrell

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2014 were read and agreed and signed by the Chair

3 Matters arising from the minutes

The Parish Hall committee was congratulated on the new curtains.

The state of the Gislingham Road in particular was an ongoing problem.

Cllr Fleming said she would find out how many visitors were estimated by MSDC to visit the Walks next year. It was suggested that in 2014 the visitor numbers were 11,000 to 12,000.

4 Financial report In her absence Tina Schwarz's financial report was presented. The Meeting accepted the external audit report, and annual return, for year ending 31st March 2014. TS asked the Meeting to consider changing from SALC, the support and advisory group, to Jayne Cole who had been their key administrator and who had set up on her own. Tina thought highly of her and her CV was impressive. For £25 annual subscription she would provide internal audits and help with emergency parish plans and generally hold the hand of the clerk. The Meeting voted in favour of the change.

5 Telephone box update Dave Cowdell admitted that his team had slowed up during the summer as they had been otherwise occupied. He promised to go ahead as soon as possible.

Joan Maughan explained a proposal to install a defibrillator on the Street for the benefit of village, and the many visitors who come to Thornham including the two training projects at the Walled Garden and Street Forge. The nearest equipment at the moment was in Diss.

JM would investigate. The village had been offered a donation towards the cost and there might have to be some fund raising/ The equipment was easy to operate and the telephone box was easy to locate.

JM asked for a vote on the principle: in favour 10, abstentions 2

6 Hedge maintenance TS reported that the inside of the road hedge badly needed cutting back. Mike Gooderham kindly cut the road side and the hedge bordering the field. DC said he had already cut the path side.

Ash dieback. Ash disease was almost universal in Suffolk and currently there was no remedy. The signs would show slowly and the trees would probably die, but advice was to leave them unless there were dangerous limbs, and see what happens.

7 Proposed power station on Eye Airfield and the Yaxley extension JF reported that the application had been passed and now there was a period of consultation by the Planning Inspectorate and discussion about detail and process. SCC, MSDC and local MPs had all responded robustly against the Yaxley sub station extension. David Burn, chair of Thrandeston Parish Council and MSDC councillor, had done an enormous amount of work and JM and TS had been to several site meetings with representatives of the other villages affected, some of whom had not been consulted at the beginning of the process. Different aspects of the application had been taken up by the different villages. The Thornhams were looking at the historic landscape for a series of meetings in October.

8 Forthcoming events

Sept 26th, film: Jersey Boys, 7.30pm Village Hall

Oct 10th, Quiz Night, Village Hall

Oct 12th, concert, Thornham Magna Church, 3pm

Oct 12th, Apple Festival, Walled Garden

Oct 12th, Harvest Festival including a baptism, Thornham Magna Church

Oct 24th, film: Grand Budapest Hotel, 7.30pm Village Hall

Oct 31st, Talk by Sir Richard Dales: Scandinavia, in aid of Friends of Thornham Magna Church

Nov 15th, Christmas Fair, Village Hall

Nov 21st, film: Belle, 7.30pm Village Hall

Jan 17th, Jumble sale, Village Hall

10 Date of next Meeting Thursday 15th January 2015