

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE THORNHAM MAGNA PARISH MEETING HELD ON 14th JANUARY 2016 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: 17 Members including Joan Maughan (Chair), Tina Schwarz (Clerk and RFO) and Julia Henniker (Minutes).

Attending: Cllr Jessica Fleming (SCC) who arrived after the meeting was finished.

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies from Joe Vaudrey, Jude Farrell and Eileen Chandler, Josephine Henniker Major.

JM welcomed the Meeting, thanking them for coming out on such a cold night.

2 Minutes of the meeting of 17th September 2015 were agreed unanimously and signed by the Chair. The Clerk asked if anyone had an objection to the proceedings being recorded as it was sometimes difficult to hear the details of what Members were saying. The Meeting agreed unanimously.

3 Matters arising

The Cabins: MSDC, who had been monitoring the occupancy of the Cabins, had declared that Tom Lund Lack had kept to the conditions of the planning permission with his bookings, and that they would remove the supervision order. There had been one incident when a small family group at the cabins had let off fireworks in celebration of a child's birthday, which had frightened grazing horses in the adjacent paddocks. TLL has again reassured the Meeting that there will be no further fireworks.

Thorndon School: nothing more had been heard of Thorndon School's plea for help with lack of space.

Speeding in and around the village: There is a survey to be carried out on the A140 and around Thornham Magna. Dave Cowdell commented that there appears to be increased numbers of walkers on the local lanes, perhaps due to the muddy paths. He also commented that the White Horse turning is increasingly busy.

4 Financial Report and Budget plus Precept setting for 2016/17.

The RFO explained the Budget 14/15 and 15/16, the Financial Statements and Risk assessment, all circulated and agreed unanimously by the Meeting. The grass cutting budget to be increased to £300 per annum to cover a potential 15 cuts. Otherwise the budget items were as before with slight increases. It was suggested that the Meeting should vote for an increase of 10% in the Precept for the year 2016/17, giving a precept of £759.

The vote was passed unanimously.

5 Replacement of seat in the village playground

The bench had been stolen. It was proposed that the bench donated to the village by the British Legion, might be moved from the War Memorial, if it was in good enough condition. It could then be cemented into place. The other options being a replacement seat at approx £200, or a plain rough plank bench. (MF will kindly look into this.)

Traffic calming along the Gislingham Road: The CC were in the process of surveying the problem of speed through the villages all of which also complained of heavy lorries taking short cuts. It was hoped that Thornham Walks gave the village a unique place in the planning of speed limits.

Tennis court: JM said the Walks was looking into the possibility of reinstating the Red House tennis court.

6 Update from Common Concern on proposed Eye airfield power station Progress Power had failed in its first round bid to provide power to the National Grid which may well delay the building. For details of the mechanisms of the bidding procedure and the implications for Yaxley please go to the Common Concern website.

7 Future events

Films: **Feb 19th**, 45 years; **March 18th**, Brooklyn; **April 22nd**, Lady in the Van

The Hall, thanks to Mik Farrell, now has a satellite dish and the Film Crew are contemplating the screening of major live events occasionally.

Friends of St Mary Magdalene, **April 15th**, A talk by James Betley who has just published the new edition

of Pevsner's the Buildings of Suffolk.

April 22nd, concert at Thornham Parva by the Amici Singers.

May 8th, Concert of Baroque music in Thornham Parva Church.

Thornham Music Weekend will be **July 21st to 24th**.

Litter Pick, **March 20th**, Ben Hall is organising the day.

Jennifer Vaudrey thanked the organisers of the new children's film show, a great success which may be repeated.

8 Any other business

Josephine H-M submitted a report on progress at the Walks, apart from continuing to lobby for a speed limit along the road, she was forming the Volunteers programme. There were 9 volunteers so far and they were working as a team once a month on projects such as clearing ponds. Several came via Needham Lakes and were experienced conservationists. The Friends were also forming, free and open to everyone. An annual car park ticket will be £35/£25 concessions. Sign up via the Estate website. A Grand Opening of the new look Walks under its new management is planned for the May Bank Holiday. The annual closure will be the 1st March.

The tip at Brome has shut again. MSDC is trying to get it reopened.

JM reminded all that there have been a number of break ins in and around the villages from sheds and cars, please be aware.

9 Date of next Meeting: Thursday 19th May 2016

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm