

THORNHAM PARVA PARISH MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of **Thornham Parva Parish Meeting** held in the Village Hall, Thornham Magna on Thursday 26 May 2011 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT Mrs S Dale, Mr M Kay, Mrs J Marshall, and Mrs C Moore

District Councillor Mrs D Kearsley and PCSO 3127 Nic Kegge and Sgt. Jon Eaves for part of the meeting.

The Chairman invited District Councillor Mrs Kearsley to give her report first.

District Councillor Diana Kearsley gave her report – a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The Chairman thanked Councillor Mrs Kearsley for her report and time.

PCSO Nic Kegge gave his report. There had only been two crimes of public interest in the last year, an offence of the theft of a lawnmower in October last year and one fraud by false representation. The main crime trends in the Mid Suffolk area in the past year have been theft of heating oil and metal. It is important to ensure that oil is regularly checked and that any items of scrap metal are not left in the open when they can be easily accessed. The Police are interested in details of any persons collecting scrap as many dealers do not have correct licenses; the Police are targeting metal thieves and working with local yards to check for any stolen goods. In relation to oil thefts the Police are advising that oil tanks be screened from view where possible using fencing or vegetation planting, this makes it more difficult to access the tank quickly as well as hiding from view. There has been a recent spate of thefts of garden ornaments and statues. Suffolk Constabulary has been placed first in the country following a recent British Crime Survey of people's attitudes to crime and the Criminal Justice System. Just 6% of people in Suffolk have a high level of perceived Anti-social behaviour, 14% of people thinking that drug use or dealing is a fairly/very big problem and 14% of people who think drunk or rowdy behaviour is a fairly/very big problem, placing Suffolk Constabulary in second place.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Col C Dale and Mrs G Goulding.

2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, TREASURER AND SECRETARY**

Chairman: Mr M Kay proposed and seconded

Vice-Chairman: Mrs J Marshall proposed and seconded

Treasurer: Col C Dale proposed and seconded

Clerk: Mrs C Moore proposed and seconded

There being no other people interested in the positions, it was unanimously agreed to elect the above named, all of whom were willing to stand again and accepted their posts.

3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2010 were circulated and approved.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Pot holes were again discussed - some had been filled in. The Chairman undertook to write to Suffolk County Council, Highways regarding a water gully on the double bend near 'Nora's meadow' and ask if this could be filled in as it was a problem if vehicles pulled off the road to let other traffic through. Also to ask for reinstatement of the damaged water hydrant near Chandos Farm.

It was reported that the hedgerows on the corners of the double bends in Bull Road had been cut back as promised at the meeting last May, but that more could have been done for better visibility.

The Chairman reported that he had written again to Mr and Mrs Stenhouse regarding the issue of the stones spilling onto Bull Road from the Bull Auberge car park.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from the BBC regarding the Switchover Help Scheme for the switch to digital TV later this year. Further information to be obtained.

Letter from Suffolk County Council regarding the closure on 31 July of the waste recycling centre at Brome.

Invitation to join Suffolk ACRE as a Member. No further action.

Letter from Mid Suffolk District Council giving information relating to the closure of the Eye Service Bureau, any payments can now be made at Eye Library, or the Post Office.

Letter from Mid Suffolk District Council informing that the Stowmarket Area Action Plan had been submitted to the Secretary of State for consideration in November 2010. An independent Inspector had been appointed to oversee the examination.

Letter from Suffolk County Council regarding Suffolk Trading Standards Consumer Champion Network – looking for volunteer ‘Consumer Champions’ to act as a bridge between Trading Standards and the local community.

Correspondence from the auditors, BDO of Southampton regarding donations and payments. Any donations requested and discussed under ‘Correspondence’ should be deferred until the next meeting and included in the ‘Payments’ part of the agenda, likewise for payments made between meetings.

6. PAYMENTS

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mrs S Dale gave a report. The accounts for 2010/11 had been independently inspected by Mrs G Goulding in readiness for sending to the Auditors.

A copy of the accounts for 2010/11 was handed round at the meeting.

The accounts were approved, proposed by Mr M Kay and seconded by Mrs J Marshall, all in favour. A copy of the accounts will be attached to these minutes. The annual governance statement was also approved.

Mrs Dale reported that the balance at the beginning of this financial year was £281.70. The precept is £250.00 and the first payment of £125.00 had been received on 28 April.

Accounts paid since 1 April 2011

R Fiebelkorn - £60.00 – maintenance to Church Lane – cheque number 100165, paid on the authority of the Chairman.

At this point the Meeting discussed advance proposed payments. The following was agreed:

Village hall hire fees	up to	£20.00
Volunteer Centre, Eye, donation		£30.00
Diss CAB		£30.00
GNUS (monthly shared newsletter)	up to	£15.00
R Fiebelkorn	up to	£100.00

Thanks to Col Dale for his work.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

- 2794/10 Erection of single-storey side and rear extensions – 208 Bull Road for Ms C Milford-Cottam
Listed Building Consent and Planning Permission granted 17/11/10
- 3140/10 Continued use of land as car park and retention of fenced gas and oil tank compound in association with The Bull Auberge Public House. Retention of planted earth bund (1100mm high) – land at The Bull Auberge, Ipswich Road, Yaxley for Mr and Mrs J Stenhouse. **Supported by the parish 30/11/10.**
- 3408/10 Siting of domestic fuel tank (oil) 1 Park Villa, Thornham Magna Road, for Mr G Sawyer.
Planning permission granted 06/01/11
- 3409/10 Remove cement render from front and side elevations. Re-render with lime, finished with pink lime-wash. 1 Park Villa, Thornham Magna Road for Mr G Sawyer.
Listed Building Consent granted 10/01/11
- 0273/11 Erection of single storey extension to west elevation, removal of modern steel external staircase, replacement of east first floor external door with half window and painted boarding below. Existing ground floor door to be blocked up and rendered. Form new front door on south elevation, timber/glazed and painted. Form entrance at ground floor internally to connect extension to existing. Insert new window ground floor, south elevation. Creation of internal staircase. Church Farm, Thornham Magna Road, for Mr and Mrs M Kay. **Supported by the parish 24/02/11.**

0274/11 Erection of single storey extension to existing outbuilding (to be used for residential purposes ancillary to Church Farm) Church Farm, Thornham Magna Road for Mr and Mrs M Kay. **Supported by the parish 24/02/11.**

0385/11 Erection and operation of 2 wind turbine generators (to a maximum tip height of 130m), construction of associated hard standings, temporary access tracks and substation compound. Two Proposed Wind Turbines, Airfield Industrial Estate, Castleton Way, Eye. **No comments from the parish 26/05/11.**

Discussion took place regarding the outstanding planning application at Chandos Farm.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman reported that he had spoken with Shaun Featherstone regarding repairing the noticeboard and that this will be done shortly.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 17 November 2011 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Thornham Magna, but to be moved to Wednesday 16 November 2011 if possible.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

CHAIRMAN

DATE