

THORNHAM PARVA PARISH MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of **Thornham Parva Parish Meeting** held in the Village Hall, Thornham Magna on Wednesday 8 May 2013 at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Mrs J Marshall (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)
Col C and Mrs S Dale, Mrs G Goulding, Lord Henniker, Mr A King, and Mrs C Moore
District Councillor Diana Kearsley for part of the meeting

1. APOLOGIES

Mr M Kay, Mr P Gudde and PCSO Dave Faulkner

Jean Marshall invited District Councillor Mrs Kearsley to give her report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Councillor Kearsley mentioned that the Household Waste Recycling site at Brome had won an award and urged people to use the facility. She said if anyone was experiencing problems with benefits payments, following the Welfare Reform, to either contact her or Mid Suffolk to sort the problem. Councillor Kearsley asked if there were any questions and Mr King asked about the proposed gas power station to be built on Eye Airfield. Mrs Kearsley said there would be a consultation event on 17 & 18 May in the Community Centre, Eye. Mrs Marshall thanked Councillor Mrs Kearsley for her report and time and Councillor Kearsley left the meeting.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, TREASURER AND CLERK

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 21 November 2012 were circulated and approved. Lord Henniker mentioned that his name did not appear in those present for the meeting on 9 May 2012, minutes to be amended.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The road markings have been reinstated at the junction of Bull Road with Thornham Magna and Mellis Roads (at the grass triangle) following re-surfacing work in the summer of 2012. The drainage gully on the double bend near 'Nora's meadow' has not been filled in as requested. Jean Marshall to contact Suffolk County Council Highways again to see if this could be done. This would allow vehicles travelling towards the A140 to pull onto the verge at this blind double bend when meeting oncoming traffic.

Lord Henniker mentioned that pot holes had appeared again near 216/217 Bull Road.

The presentation of Jubilee mugs to 11 children took place at the Carol Service which many attended and it seemed a very successful parish occasion.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Information from Diss, Thetford and District Citizens Advice Bureau and request for a donation.
Request for support for Magpas – The Emergency Medical Charity.
Request for support for Headway Ipswich and East Suffolk.
Information from Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau and request for a donation.
Information relating to the merger of Suffolk volunteer groups as of 1 April 2013, called Community Action for Suffolk, also a request for a donation.
Suffolk Acre – details of 'cheaper energy together' and community led planning – village review.

6. PAYMENTS

Christopher Dale reported that the accounts for 2012/13 had been independently inspected by Mrs G Goulding in readiness for sending to the Auditors. Copies of the accounts were given to those present at the meeting.

The accounts were approved, proposed by Jean Marshall and seconded by Christine Moore, all in favour. A copy of the accounts will be attached to these minutes. The annual governance statement was also approved.

Christopher Dale reported that the balance at the beginning of this financial year was £247.22.

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

Thornham Parva PCC	£100.00
Charities	£60.00

Accounts paid since the last meeting in November 2012

Name of Organisation	Amount	Details	Cheque No
Thornham Magna Village Hall	£10.00	Hire fee for meeting in November 2012	100176
Christine Moore	£78.60	Jubilee mugs (money came from the County Councillor's Locality Budget)	100177

Accounts paid since 1 April 2013

Name of Organisation	Amount	Details	Cheque No
Thornham Parva PCC	£100.00	To assist with insurance of village furniture. Resolved to do this every year if funds permit.	100178

Thanks to Christopher Dale for his work.

7. **PLANNING MATTERS**

Discussion took place regarding the ongoing planning issues at Chandos Farm. Martin Kay had already expressed dissatisfaction to Councillor Mrs Kearsley at the length of time Mid Suffolk had taken in trying to resolve the issues and this was reiterated to her at the meeting.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

During very wet weather in February/March, Martin Kay made contact with Mr J Cousins (Thornham Estate Trustee) over concerns of blocked drains and pipes causing road flooding, danger and surface degradation. The problem areas were inspected by Mr Kay and Mr Cousins. Within a couple of days of the inspection Mr Cousins arranged for remedial action to be taken with a positive result.

Flooding at the junction of Thornham Road with Mellis/Yaxley road (in the parish of Yaxley). During the recent downpours there was very deep flooding on the Thornham Road on the Yaxley side of the old railway crossing which remained for weeks. There were no warning signs and it was very dangerous. Ditch in need of clearance. Christine Moore to contact the Clerk to Yaxley Parish Council to ascertain the up to date position and to offer to contact the Highways authority, if necessary, to add weight to the original complaint from Yaxley.

Fly tipping on verges/in ditches off Mellis Road. Old tyres, old furniture and large bags of rubbish have been left here. Mid Suffolk DC have been asked on several occasions to remove this, but despite promises nothing has been done. It was agreed to ask Councillor Mrs Kearsley to give assistance with this issue.

Suggestion of a parish litter pick was discussed and it was felt this would be better carried out in the autumn or spring next year – litter situation to be monitored and discussed again at next meeting.

The Clerk reported that the signpost at the junction of Thornham Road/Earlsford Road was 'armless' as this was in the parish of Thornham Parva she would ask for the signpost to be repaired.

Lord Henniker mentioned that he had received notice from Mid Suffolk DC of withdrawal of funding for Thornham Walks as of 1 May 2015.

The Clerk read details from the latest Police report – there were 4 reported crimes within the parish in the last 12 months – 1 x driving with excess alcohol, 1 x burglary and a further 2 crimes which information could not be provided for. Some crime prevention/safety equipment can be purchased from Eye Police Station.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 20 November 2013.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

CHAIRMAN

DATE