

THORNHAM PARVA PARISH MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of **Thornham Parva Parish Meeting** held in the Village Hall, Thornham Magna on Wednesday 14 May 2014 at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Col C and Mrs S Dale, Mrs G Goulding, Lord Henniker, Mr A King, Mrs J Marshall and Mrs C Moore
County Councillor Jessica Fleming and Sgt J Eaves for part of the meeting

1. **APOLOGIES**

Mr M Kay, District Councillor Diana Kearsley and PCSO Dave Faulkner

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

Chairman:

Mr M Kay had indicated last year that he wished to stand down. Mrs J Marshall was proposed and seconded and agreed to take the position for a year.

Vice-Chairman: Mr M Kay 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 20 November 2013 were circulated and approved. Jean Marshall mentioned that her name did not appear in those present for this meeting, minutes to be amended.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

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. County Councillor Jessica Fleming offered to look into this matter, Jean to copy the previous correspondence to her.

Most of the pot holes in Chapel Farm Lane have been repaired.

Martin Kay has registered an interest with the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Parish Meeting in relation to the application for the proposed gas powered plant and grid connection by Progress Power on Eye Airfield and Mellis Road, Yaxley respectively. County Councillor Jessica Fleming said a proposed visit to a similar plant in Essex was planned for 21 May, but unfortunately Thornham Parva were not invited.

Lord Henniker mentioned another recent incident of fly tipping, this time in Thornham Magna. He felt a letter should be sent to Mid Suffolk regarding their policy on fly tipping and the Chairman asked if he would like to draft one, which she would sign.

The signpost at the junction with Earlsford Road, Mellis and Thornham Road, Yaxley has recently had the directional arms replaced, following theft of the previous ones.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Request for support for Magpas – The Emergency Medical Charity – no further action.

Request for support for Headway Ipswich and East Suffolk – no further action.

Request for support for Sevenoaks Town Council for a proposal submitted to government under the Sustainable Communities Act relating to allowing a percentage of business rates to be paid direct to the Parish/Town Councils for the benefit of local economic growth – no further action.

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.

Approval was also sought for Glennis Goulding as the independent internal auditor for future years, this was unanimously agreed.

Christopher Dale reported that the balance at the beginning of this financial year was £354.22. The first precept payment has been received taking the balance to £486.47.

With the election of a new Chairman it will be necessary to make arrangements to change the bank mandate for cheque signatories to Jean Marshall and Christopher Dale.

Accounts paid since the last meeting in November 2013

Name of Organisation	Amount	Details	Cheque No
Thornham Magna Village Hall	£14.00	Hire fee for meeting in November 2013	100182
Eye Volunteer Centre	£30.00	Donation	100183

Accounts paid since 1 April 2014

Name of Organisation	Amount	Details	Cheque No
Thornham Parva PCC	£100.00	To assist with costs for tree surgery on the boundary of the church	100180

Thanks to Christopher Dale for his work.

7. **PLANNING MATTERS**

Discussion took place regarding the ongoing planning problems at Chandos Farm. Martin Kay will continue to liaise with Mid Suffolk over this matter. Mid Suffolk are preparing a Planning Contravention Notice which will be issued to the owner.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Nothing.

9. **REPORT FROM POLICE**

Sgt Eaves gave details from PCSO Faulkner's report. There had been no crimes reported within the parish since the last meeting. Across the area there has been an increase in oil thefts and day time house burglaries. Later this year there will be an oil crime seminar held in Denham, further details will be issued nearer the time. Sgt Eaves also explained some of the procedures used by the Police to detect crime. Details of crime prevention events held later in May at local village halls were given.

10. **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING**

Jessica Fleming gave her report in which she mentioned pot holes can now be reported via the Suffolk County Council website.

11. **REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DIANA KEARSLEY**

A long report was submitted by Diana Kearsley, which was mentioned at the meeting.

Councillor Kearsley's report and the report from Councillor Jessica Fleming may be added to the Thornhams website.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 12 November 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

CHAIRMAN

DATE