

## **THORNHAM PARVA PARISH MEETING**

Minutes of a meeting of **Thornham Parva Parish Meeting** held in the Village Hall, Thornham Magna on Wednesday 13 May 2015 at 7.30pm.

### **PRESENT**

Mr A Bodger, Col C Dale, Mrs G Goulding, Lord Henniker, Mr M Kay, Mr A King,  
Mrs J Marshall and Mrs C Moore  
County Councillor Jessica Fleming for part of the meeting  
PCSO 3240 Dave Faulkner for part of the meeting

PCSO Dave Faulkner gave his report in which he said there had been no crime reported within the parish in the last quarter. Unfortunately a number of burglaries have been carried out within the whole of East Anglia - sheds, garages, garden benches and ornaments, along with jewellery being targeted. There will be a catalytic converter marking morning at Barley Green Garage, Stradbroke on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Information regarding the 'Immobilise' website which is an online property database. Items that can be listed are mobile 'phones, bicycles, iPods, MP3 players and games consoles, laptops, computers, satellite navigation and in-car equipment, together with watches, art, antiques, jewellery – visit [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) Recent priorities set were for rural crime – agricultural, livestock, wildlife or heritage nature, includes fly tipping, hare coursing and unauthorised metal detecting. PCSO 3240 Faulkner left the meeting to attend another meeting in Redgrave.

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Mrs S Dale, Mr P Gudde and District Councillor Diana Kearsley.

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

**Chairman:** Mrs J Marshall proposed and seconded  
**Vice-Chairman:** Mr M Kay proposed and seconded  
**Treasurer:** Mr P Gudde 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 and accepted their posts. Mr Gudde had previously agreed to be Treasurer.

### **3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2014 were circulated and approved.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

The drainage gully on the double bend near 'Nora's meadow' has been looked at by Suffolk CC and has been re-dug through to the ditch and lowered slightly on the roadside edge, hopefully enough to prevent cars being stuck in the gully.

Martin Kay said the Examiner should have submitted his report regarding the proposals by Progress Power to the Minister by 24<sup>th</sup> April. Three months are allocated for the Minister to look at the details.

### **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Request for support for Magpas – The Emergency Medical Charity – no further action.
- Request for support for Home-Start – no further action – it has received a 'Good Cause' collection from the churches.
- Information relating to community access defibrillators – agreed to contact Magna Parish Meeting to see whether Parva could link with Magna with the offer of financial assistance for use of the equipment.
- Letter from the Governors of Thorndon CEVCP School regarding need to expand. County Councillor Jessica Fleming agreed to speak to the County Councillor for the Thorndon area (Councillor Andrew Stringer) to obtain more detail.

- Neighbourhood Watch signs – the Clerk reported that earlier in the year Safer Neighbourhood Watch Association and the Police Crime Commissioner were offering two free NHW signs to parishes by a deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January. An application was made on behalf of Thornham Parva and was successful. A further sign was purchased to allow all three access routes into the village to be signed. These signs have now been erected by the County Council at a cost. Previous signs purchased by the Parish Meeting in 1993 have been removed from highway signs/electricity poles by contractors when carrying out repairs/replacement poles/signs and not replaced. The cost is £36 (2 x £18) for the erection of the two free signs and £35 for the third sign which included the erection fee.

## 6. **PAYMENTS**

Christopher Dale reported that the accounts for 2014/15 had been independently inspected by Mrs G Goulding in readiness for sending to the Auditors.

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.

The Parish Meeting considered a risk assessment following the template sent by BDO (Auditors). Results are as follows:

- The following were not applicable: there are no charges for car parking, for leisure, cemetery, allotments, lottery, grants, TIC sales, TIC grants, no investments are held, we employ nobody, we have no direct costs and overhead expenses, no grants and support, no elections, no VAT irrecoverable, we have no reserves earmarked, we have no assets consequently no maintenance through poor performance, we have no staff, we give no loans, nor accept any there has been no borrowing/lending and no illegal activity or payments. There are no conflicts of members interests.
- Members of the Parish meeting considered the reserves at £357.47 adequate, that there was no need to earmark any of the reserves, that there has been no loss due to dishonesty, the financial records have been examined, are adequate and found correct. The minutes are properly kept and accurate

Christopher Dale reported that the balance at the beginning of this financial year was £357.47. The first precept payment has been received taking the balance to £487.30.

With the confirmation of the new Treasurer it will be necessary to make arrangements to change the bank mandate for cheque signatories to Peter Gudde and Jean Marshall.

Up to £100 to be made available each year for donations to registered charities.  
£200 earmarked as a donation towards the community defibrillator to be purchased by Thornham Magna Parish Meeting.

Outstanding accounts – hire of village hall for this meeting and as mentioned above the cost of the NHW signs £36 and £35 = £71.

Thanks to Christopher Dale for his work over very many years.

## 7. **PLANNING MATTERS**

Martin Kay said that in light of recent information from Mid Suffolk District Council the breaches to the planning conditions at Chandos Farm would not be pursued further by the Parish Meeting.

3330/14 Erection of front porch following demolition of existing porch, 212 Bull Road.  
Approved by MSDC 18 December 2014.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Clerk reported on directional signs for Thornham Parva from Thornham Magna. Following a funeral service last year at St Mary's, Thornham Parva for a lady who was born in Parva, but lived in March, Cambridgeshire it was brought to the Churchwarden's attention that Thornham Parva was not listed on signposts when travelling from the west. This was raised with the Highway Engineer for the area, Josh Kerridge, and he agreed to look into the matter. It was discovered that the signpost at the junction near the Four Horseshoes states 'Gislingham and Mellis' and the signpost at the junction with the Gislingham road states 'Eye and Norwich' in the direction of Thornham Parva. Thornham Parva is listed on the signpost at the junction near School House, Thornham Magna. All the other routes into the village state Thornham Parva on the signposts. Suffolk County Council is proposing to add Thornham Parva to the signposts at the Four Horseshoes and the Gislingham road junctions.

Lord Henniker said that the Thornham Estate was carrying on with the running of Thornham Walks, Mid Suffolk DC having withdrawn any involvement earlier this month.

9 **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING**

Jessica Fleming gave her report copied below:

**Year 2014/15**

**Annual Report for Thornham Parva Parish Council**

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**Phone Cover** – The County has been working with the main 4G mobile providers. 99% of Suffolk is expected to have service by the end of 2016. Several new 25-m high **Better Broadband** - The fibre upgrade commitment is to provide all users with high speed by 2020, 95% by 2018. Users who still receive less than 2MG access line-speed capability at the end of 2015 are eligible for a voucher to enable connection to an alternative such as satellite cover as a temporary measure. (Go to Broadband speed check UK site.) When an area is upgraded to superfast users must actively sign up and pay a small additional premium, the more that sign up the lower these premiums need to be. If you have queries about Broadband cover, contact Jonathan Chown or any of our BB development team on [Broadband@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Broadband@suffolk.gov.uk)

**Mobile** masts are planned to enable the improved cover, subject to planning permission.

**Roads** – The County Highways and Kier May Guerney (KMG) have improved the online reporting tool for defects/ potholes and now the system allows interactive web reporting using various 'apps'. This, in combination with the use of velocity patching machines has enabled improvements all around in terms of both response times and the quality of repairs. Report highway defects on: [www.suffolk.gov.uk/report-a-highways-problem](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/report-a-highways-problem) Emergencies should be reported to 0345 606 6171.

**A140 and Stuston Lane/ B1077** – Earlier this year Suffolk County Highways consulted affected communities about a proposal to prohibit right turns out of the ‘Devil’s Handbasin’ exit. The predominant consultation response was that the Brome B1077 junction on the east side of the A140 is more dangerous than Stuston and they should be considered together. Preliminary feedback from officers is that junction safety over the entire section of the A140 from the Stonhams to the A143 will be reviewed over the next year and any action at Stuston or Brome will depend on this review.

**Planning** – The County comments on District applications for housing, land supply, and energy projects and is following the proposed new housing plans at Eye Airfield. In this case the effects of additional traffic accessing the A140 will be a key consideration. The County needs a share of financial contributions from developers so that new developments are supported by infrastructure such as road improvements, school places, public transport, healthcare and leisure facilities.

**Progress Power Infrastructure Application, Eye Airfield and Yaxley** – Progress Power (dba Stag Energy/ Watt Power) made an application to the Planning Inspectorate for a 299 MW gas fired peaking power plant at the end of January. The Inspector made a confidential recommendation to the Secretary of State on April 24<sup>th</sup> and a decision is expected in July.

**Level Crossings** - This year the County Council has been engaged with Network Rail (NR)’s plans to assess all level crossings on the Norwich - London mainline to allow increased speed and frequency of services. To date NR has not provided a programme or priority order for assessing crossings (aside from Gypsy Lane, Needham Market) but this is expected in summer 2015. There has been speculation that that the crossings in Mellis could be closed, however no assessment has been made to date and any proposed change would be subject to full consultation. I am monitoring the situation and will provide the parish council with updates when more is known.

**Looking Ahead** - We will see more joined up programmes between districts and County, and between counties. We will see an increasing role for parishes and for neighbourhood planning. Transport will be more community led, with more ‘on demand’ services. Health and community care is undergoing large changes so that better coordinated services are provided by the NHS and County together.

Thank you, it has been a pleasure to have represented this community over the past year. Please get in touch with me about any issues that are of concern, ideas or projects that need funding or topics about which you would like to know more.

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10. **REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DIANA KEARSLEY**  
Unfortunately, due to illness Cllr Kearsley was unable to attend and she had been unable to prepare her annual report. She did wish to thank all who had voted for her.
11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
Wednesday 11 November 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

**CHAIRMAN**

**DATE**