

THORNHAM PARVA PARISH MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of **Thornham Parva Parish Meeting** held in the Village Hall, Thornham Magna on Wednesday 12 November 2014 at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Mrs J Marshall (Chair)
Col C and Mrs S Dale, Lord Henniker, Mr M Kay, Mr A King, and Mrs C Moore
County Councillor Jessica Fleming for part of the meeting

1. **APOLOGIES**

Mrs G Goulding, District Councillor Diana Kearsley and PCSO 3240 Dave Faulkner.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2014 were circulated and approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

Jean Marshall reported that nothing had been done regarding the filling in of the drainage gully on the double bend near 'Nora's meadow', to allow vehicles travelling towards the A140 to pull onto the verge at this blind double bend when meeting oncoming traffic. A new highways engineer had been appointed for this area, so contact will be made with him.

Pot holes were discussed again there are still some at the east end of Chapel Farm Lane.

Martin Kay reported on the Planning Enquiry handled by the Planning Inspectorate based in Bristol, regarding the proposals by Progress Power to build a gas powered plant and grid connection on Eye Airfield and in Yaxley respectively. There will be further meetings in December. The Planning Inspector will report to the Minister in February.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from the Stowmarket Support Group of the Eastern Savings and Loans Credit Union giving details of an access point on every Thursday between 1pm and 3pm at 54 Ipswich Street, Stowmarket.

Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit asking for a name of contact to receive weather warnings and flood warnings, the Clerk to be the point of contact.

5. **ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS**

Christopher Dale reported that the accounts balance was £501.

Accounts paid since the last meeting in May 2014

Name of Organisation	Amount	Details	Cheque No
Thornham Parva PCC	£100	To assist with insurance of village furniture	100184
Thornham Magna Village Hall	£10	Fee for hire of hall for meeting	100185

There will be an invoice for the hire of the village hall for this meeting. After discussion it was agreed to send a cheque for £30 to the Diss and District CAB, as this had been earmarked in November 2013, but not sent.

Accounts paid following this meeting (November 2014)

Name of Organisation	Amount	Details	Cheque No
Diss & District CAB	£30	Donation	100186
Thornham Magna Village Hall	£14	Fee for hire of hall for meeting	100187

Money earmarked for 2015/16 :

£200 to Thornham Parva Parochial Church Council
£50 donation each to Diss CAB and Eye Volunteer Centre

After discussion it was agreed to apply for £250 precept plus £4.83 grant for 2015/16.

The accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2014 had been audited by BDO of Southampton and the issues arising report was discussed. Issues were one box had been completed incorrectly and there was no financial risk assessment carried out. A proforma of the risk assessment has been received, most of which is not applicable to the Parish Meeting. A financial risk assessment will be carried out in readiness for the next audit.

Thanks to Christopher Dale for his work.

6. **PLANNING MATTERS**

Discussion took place regarding the ongoing breaches to the planning conditions at Chandos Farm. Martin Kay reported that this was first complained about over 5 years ago and he will continue to pursue the matter with Mid Suffolk DC.

3330/14 Erection of front porch following demolition of existing porch, 212 Bull Road. Application supported by the Parish Meeting.

2593/14 Replacement conservatory (following demolition of existing conservatory), Chapel Farm. Approved by MSDC 22 October 2014

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Clerk read details from the latest Police report – since the beginning of the year only one crime has been reported to the Police, this refers to a road rage incident whereby a cyclist was assaulted. The suspect has been dealt with by means of Community Resolution at the request of the victim.

Thefts in the area have predominantly been from outbuildings.

A large number of complaints have been received from the Mid Suffolk North Safer Neighbourhood area concerning a company called Niagara Therapy who supply chairs and beds for elderly residents. The cost of these items run into thousands of pounds and it appears that the company are purchasing potential customer details on line and then either ringing to make an appointment, explaining that they are providing therapies recommended to assist various ailments, ie physiotherapy, or suggesting that they are getting in touch because of a referral from the local GP surgery. Details of elderly potential customers are obtained and a potential customer is contacted and thinking that the GP Surgery had arranged the visit, they have booked an appointment with Niagara Therapy for an advisor to attend. This is not the case and companies such as this are attempting to sell items for a hugely inflated price. The advice of the Police is to politely turn them down, if something does sound interesting ask for a brochure to be sent and ask a family member or friend to investigate further. Above all else, please do not disclose any personal information about yourself, not even your name. They will often try to trick you into revealing personal information whilst sounding legitimate.

A recent quarterly priority tasking meeting had been held alongside a heating oil seminar to raise awareness around heating oil theft. Representatives from Fuel Shield demonstrated their products. For the priority tasks it was decided to focus on Halloween ASB, and road and cycle safety.

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

Councillor Jessica Fleming gave her report in which she mentioned Better Broadband, residents can check on www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com for when BT can extend the fibre optic cover to this area.

Highway defects can be reported online at <https://secure.suffolkcc.gov.uk/customerservice/CSD/SCC/product.aspx?productID=PRHM01> if anything needs urgent attention – contact Customer Services on 0345 6066171. Josh Kerridge is the new highways engineer for this area.

Energy saving grants continue to be available for Suffolk households following closure of the Green Deal scheme. An assessment costs £29 which will identify potential improvements and advice, funding could provide up to £6,000 towards the cost of the installation. Phone 0800 840 90 90 or go to <http://www.suffolkenergyaction.org/>

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Wednesday 13 May and Wednesday 11 November 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

CHAIRMAN

DATE