

THORNHAM PARVA PARISH MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of **Thornham Parva Parish Meeting** held in the Village Hall, Thornham Magna on Wednesday 11 November 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT Mr M Kay – Vice-Chairman in the Chair
Mrs G Goulding, Mr P Gudde, Lord Henniker, and Mrs C Moore
County Councillor Jessica Fleming for part of the meeting

1. **APOLOGIES**

Mr C and Mrs S Dale, Mr A King, Mrs J Marshall, and District Councillor Diana Kearsley.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2015 were circulated and approved. The accounts for 2014/15 were omitted from the papers circulated with the agenda for this meeting and are now attached.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

Martin Kay reported that the application by Progress Power to build a gas powered plant and grid connection on Eye Airfield and in Yaxley respectively had been granted permission.

The website www.suffolk.gov.uk/report-a-highways-problem has proved to be very useful, especially for reporting pot holes.

Christine Moore reported that the brown tourist signs for a historic church, to be sited on an existing sign to Thornham Parva on the A140, should be erected this year. The changes to the directional signs travelling from Thornham Magna should be carried out in 2016.

Christine also reported that the £200 earmarked as a contribution to Thornham Magna for the defibrillator was now not required. The defibrillator still belongs to the ambulance organisation, the box housing the defibrillator was paid for from donations from the late Dame Anne Warburton.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Request for donations received from:

Eye Volunteer Centre – previously agreed to give £50

East Anglian Air Ambulance – discussed and agreed to give £50 following the next meeting in May 2016

Headway Suffolk – no further action

5. **ACCOUNTS / PAYMENTS**

Pete Gudde gave the following report:

(a) Accounts 2014/15:

The accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2015 have been audited by BDO. Copies of the approved Year end accounts to be circulated with the minutes. There were two issues with the audit:

- Risk assessment – undertaken after year end (reviewed by BDO as adequate)
- Minutes – loose leaf pages and paragraphs must be consecutively numbered and each page must be initialled by the person signing the minutes. *(Note: Those pages not previously numbered and initialled within the loose leaf minute folder have been dealt with up to the present)*

(b) Payments made since the last PM meeting in May 2015:

Name of organisation	Amount	Details	Cheque No
Thornhams Village Hall	£10.00	Hall hire for PM meeting	100188

(c) Account balance as at 11th November 2015:

Brought forward from 31st March 2015	£357.47
Transactions paid in	£125.00
	£4.83
	£125.00
Transactions paid out	(£10.00)
As at 11th November 2015	£602.30

(d) Donations: Since the last Parish Meeting in May 2015, notification was received that £200 earmarked for a donation towards the purchase of a Defibrillator to be installed in Thornham Magna is no longer required.

Proposals for donations put forward at the last meeting in May 2015 were approved:

- Thornham Parva Parochial Church - £200.00 (earmarked in Nov. 2014)
- Eye Volunteer centre - £50.00
- Diss and District CAB - £50.00.

Proposals for donations were discussed for the proceeding year 2016/17. In addition to proposals to continue to support the above organisations, a proposal was put forward in support of the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Agreement was reached to earmark £150 for donations in 2016/17 in addition to support for Thornham Parva Parochial Church Council.

(e) Accounts to be paid following this meeting:

There will be an invoice for the hire of the hall for this meeting.

Name of organisation	Amount	Details	Cheque No
Thornham Parva Parochial Church Council	£200.00	Donation	100189
Diss & District CAB	£50.00	Donation	100190
Eye Volunteer Centre	£50.00	Donation	100191
Christine Moore in respect of payment to NHW signs	£71.00	Neighbourhood watch signs	100192
Thornhams Village Hall	£14.00	Hall hire for PM meeting	100193

Action: Cheques to be issued against the above-listed accounts.

(f) Proposed Precept 2016/17:

The proposed Precept for 2016/17 was discussed. It is anticipated that hedge cutting along Church Lane will be required with £100.00 earmarked. In the light of this and the proposed increase in charitable donations, and since it had been noted that the Precept had not changed since 2004, it was proposed and agreed to raise the precept in 2016/17 from £250.00 to £300.00.

Action: Completed Precept 2016/17 forms to be submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council.

(g) Other financial matters:

The Parish Meeting has received notification from SALC in respect of funding from the UK Government Transparency Fund for Smaller Authorities to assist Parish Councils to comply with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. Having reviewed the scope of the funding and the needs of TPPM it was decided that an application for funding was not needed.

Notification was received on the 4th November 2015 of funding available through Councillor Kearsley's £5,000 locality budget. Suggestions were invited to be put forward for funding through this route. It was proposed that support be provided to Thornham Parva Parochial Church Council should it decide to bid for funding to pay for the supply and erection of tourist destination signs from the A140 to the church.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

3144/15 – Conversion of garage and stores to habitable (residential) accommodation. Demolition of side lean-to and erection and enlargement of replacement single storey side extension to enlarge pool plant room area. Moat House Farm, Chapel Farm Lane. Approved by MSDC 15 October 2015

2657/15 – Replacement of conservatory (following demolition of existing conservatory) Chapel Farm, Chapel Farm Lane. Approved by MSDC 29 October 2015

3134/15 – Replacement of existing conservatory – Chapel Farm, Chapel Farm Lane. Approved by MSDC 29 October 2015.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman mentioned that the next annual Carol Service will be held on Sunday 13th December at 6pm.

Mr Alan King was unable to attend this meeting as he was at a ceremony in London receiving the Legion D'Honneur (officially titled 'Chevalier Ordre national de la legion d'honneur') which was presented by the French Defence Attaché, Rear Admiral Patrick Chevallereau for Alan's bravery in the battle of Normandy in 1944 during the Second World War. Those present at the meeting sent their warm congratulations to Alan.

Christine Moore offered to plant a suitable tree to commemorate the occasion of her Mother's 100th birthday at the end of June. This was accepted and it was agreed this would be sited on the grassed area near the church.

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

Councillor Jessica Fleming gave her report which is reproduced below:

By County Councillor Jessica Fleming, Hartismere Division, Suffolk
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Rural Community Transport Re-Tender – Most current community transport providers' contracts end in 2016 and the County is currently re-tendering for this service. The County Council cabinet agreed to a new model for the coordination and funding of rural transport which aims to provide an improved and more consistent service across Suffolk. Providers operating County Council owned vehicles will be affected as the Council will not retain vehicles under the new strategy. Changes can be expected to current services in mid-2016. Details of the tender are available on [suffolkonboardcontracts](#)

Devolution – Representatives of 7 local authorities in Norfolk and Suffolk and the LEP Chairman met with central government on 4th November. The principles of agreement are still under discussion, further detail is expected to be made public in early 2016.

Highways – The possibility of extending the 30 mph speed limit on Gislingham Road to Thornham Walks may be reviewed by area highway officer Josh Kerridge to see if this objective has any chance of becoming a reality.

Monitor winter weather conditions and Suffolk Highways salt and grit plans on Twitter @suff_highways or go to www.suffolk.gov.uk/gritting

Energy Insulation provider Climate Energy - If anyone has engaged Climate Energy Ltd. to undertake insulation work please note they are no longer providing this service on behalf of the County Council. If any resident has been affected please contact the Suffolk County Council by email: CreatingGreenestCounty@suffolk.gov.uk. For immediate enquiries ring 01473 264832.

Pete Gudde declared an interest in the above.

Grants - The Activities Fund is targeted to sustaining physical activity, rather than one off or short term events. For more information contact the grants team at Suffolk Community Foundation on 01473 602602 or www.suffolkcf.org.uk/grants/get-suffolk-moving-fund.

The New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership Rural Economic Growth Fund – £13m has been allocated to New Anglia from 2015 – 2020 for the rural economy. Contact NALEP's European Programmes Manager, Alastair Rhind by email on alastair.rhind@newanglia.co.uk or by calling 01603 510080 or 07766 886273.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Wednesday 11 May and Wednesday 16 November 2016.
(Date subsequently changed to Tuesday 10th May)

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

CHAIRMAN

DATE