

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE THORNHAM MAGNA VILLAGE MEETING  
HELD ON 18th MAY 2016 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** 7 Members including Joan Maughan (Chair), Tina Schwarz (Clerk and RFO) and Julia Henniker (Minutes).

**Attending:** Cllr Diana Kearsley (MSDC), Cllr Jessica Fleming (SCC) (from 8.45)

**1 Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed the Meeting and received apologies for absence Janine Eaves, Eileen Chandler, Jude Farrell, Joe Vaudrey, Priscilla and Ian Macrae, Jess Palmer, Josephine Henniker Major (visitor)

The Minutes were taken by Julia Henniker.

**2 Nominations and election of officers for 2016/17**

Jennifer Vaudrey took the chair and thanked Tina Schwarz and Joan Maughan for all they had done for the village during the last year. She then asked for nominations.

Chair: JM was proposed by Mik Farrell and seconded by Sylvie Fawcett

Clerk: TS was proposed by SF and seconded by MF

There were no other nominations.,JM and TS were elected unanimously.

**3 Chair's report for 2015/16**

Progress Power have not won the bidding round, therefore, nothing has happened on the site. The A140 report has not been followed up by SCC.

In addition, JM warned that the A140 would be closed at night for resurfacing at the White Horse on May 23 and 24. JV commented that accident figures in the SCC report appeared unrealistic, perhaps people do not report to the police. The clerk had forwarded the comments on the A140 received from the village to SCC. Complaints, including from DK, were voiced about the potholes, which have not been filled properly.

The Meeting does need a vice-chair, not an onerous role, but necessary in case of illness. Perhaps for one year only.

There were no questions on the Annual Meeting part of the Minutes.

**4 Minutes of the Meeting of January 14th 2016** were then read and agreed and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

**5 Matters arising from those minutes**

Thornham cabins had been quiet through the winter. However, there was material advertising parties on a separate mobile version appearing on smart phones. Tom Lund Lack has reassured us that all this material has been removed, which appears to be correct.

The Meeting was again concerned about speeding around Thornham Walks entrance, no progress has apparently been made by SCC.

MK reported on the bench by the War Memorial, which he felt was not a suitable option for the playground. It was agreed that planks placed on tree stumps would be a very good substitute and were less likely to be stolen. JM said the estate would supply stumps. MK to organise, perhaps for two benches, JV volunteered to help. There will need to be a working party.

**6 Financial report and approval of accounts**

The RFO circulated the accounts including summary receipts and payments and the updated budget to 31 March 2017. TS explained that the amended budget figure for grass cutting due to the contractor's illness, was more than last year at £350, which represented half the cost of 14 cuts. The Village Hall would pay the other half. Otherwise all is self explanatory. The Accounts were approved at this meeting of members as a whole and signed off by the Chair and RFO. We record the acceptance of our internal audit report for the year ended 31 March 2016.

## **7 Playground and Bookswap update**

Playground: MK will check the swings, etc and repair if necessary.

Bookswap: seemed to be well used with a good change in stock.

## **8 Reports from organisations within the village**

Bellringers: Sylvie Fawcett asked for volunteers, all ages welcomed, contact her on 01379 788130.

Music at Thornham: the Music Weekend from July 21st to 24th, the programme will be on the website soon.

There will be Portaloos in the churchyard over the weekend.

## **9 Report from Thornham Walks**

Josephine Henniker Major had produced a programme for the Spring Party to be held on May 30th.

JM added that there was now a flourishing volunteer group which met once a week and had taken on some difficult areas. The Estate had set aside a suitable area for a Memorial Wood.

## **10 Reports from MSDC and SCC**

It was agreed that having the reports in writing was very useful to be able to see the work being done, particularly the Joint Strategic plan with Babergh.

Diana Kearsley presented her MSDC report (the Clerk has a copy of both reports if anyone wishes to see them.) DK added that the integration has gone well between mid suffolk and Babergh. Other subjects include: Housing and Cluster Villages consultation. JM pointed out that consultation is a two way process and the inhabitants need to be listened to and their views acted upon. People generally feel we are not taken notice of further up the ladder.

Jessica Fleming highlighted new community transport arrangements, the aim being to simplify and streamline with one phone number. Network rail level crossing assessments have started, they would like to eliminate them JF stressed that her job is to make sure that none are closed that should not be. 30mph in Thornham assessment still ongoing by SCC. Informally she said something will be done but it may be 40mph which was thought inadequate by the Meeting. A Walks petition may be organised which JF thought would be useful.

## **11 Any other business**

The Brome tip has reopened under the auspices of MSDC with the same staff.

## **12 Date of next Meeting and close of Meeting**

The next Meeting is on September 13th 2016, the Meeting closed at 9.30pm.