

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE THORNHAM MAGNA VILLAGE MEETING HELD ON 13th SEPTEMBER 2016 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: 16 Members including Joan Maughan (Chair) and Tina Schwarz (Clerk)

Attending: Diana Kearsley (MSDC Councillor)

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies received from Joe Vaudrey, Mik and Jude Farrell, Jessica Fleming (SCC. Councillor). The Meeting sent best wishes for a speedy recovery to Julia Henniker.

2 Minutes of the Meeting of 18th May 2016 were accepted as an accurate record by the Meeting.

3 Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

4 Financial report from the RFO

The bank balance at 1 August was £1029.51. £55 was paid out of contingency to pay for removal of a wasp nest on our playground. Thanks to Janine Eves for taking over the playground walk-through weekly inspection. The Annual Return and certificate was presented to the Meeting and approved and accepted by the Meeting.

Christopher Dale is unwell so Jude Farrell kindly stepped in as internal auditor for 2016. It was agreed that Jude be asked again for 2017.

5 Reports from other organisations in the village

Playground: It was agreed that we should carry out repairs to the playground, although nothing essential was flagged by the annual inspection. Dave Cowdell agreed to do this.

Thornham Walks, Music at Thornham and the Village Hall all reported a successful season.

Diana Kearsley added that major changes at MSDC are in the pipeline for 2017/18.

6 Thornham Cabins planning

A retrospective planning application had been registered by Tom Lund Lack. Queries on the accuracy of the application and accompanying documentation, along with the legitimacy of current use, had been raised by neighbours with the MSDC Planning Department.

7 Speeding update: Jessica Fleming had asked for and had been supplied with figures for traffic around the Walks, the Village Hall and Church. 17th October is the new date for the Panel at which Jessica will speak strongly on our behalf. The Meeting again expressed their dissatisfaction at the suggestion of a 40mph limit on the Gislingham Road. Members were asked to email Jessica Fleming direct to add their individual support.

8 Forthcoming events

30th Sept: Village Hall film, Florence Foster Jenkins

15th Oct: Apple day, Beyond the Wall at Walled Garden

28th Oct: Village Hall film, Love and Friendship

12th Nov: Village Hall Christmas fair

25th Nov: Village Hall film, Our Kind of Traitor

11th Dec: Village Hall children's film, BFG

9 Any other business

Richard Jannaway commented that the felling in the woods was producing a good deal of brush which he hopes may be removed.

Joan Maughan asked if we were interested in being a Dementia Friendly community? She will look into this and report as the Meeting expressed interest.

Stephen Schwarz asked if we need a refresher on cpr and defib use together with basic first aid. The Clerk to ask the village.

Dave Cowdell suggested a village map should be drawn up to help all the van drivers to deliver packages. This was agreed to be a good idea, the site to be discussed, possibly the bookswap, Forge or pub? Or possibly printed out and circulated with the Messenger. Dave Cowdell will take it further.

Dave also brought up the subject of the stream banks which are in danger of falling into the water, potentially causing flooding. It is apparent from the culvert under the road down to the first bridge. The Clerk will try to find out who is responsible.

10 Date of next Meeting Tuesday 10 January 2017, 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9pm.