

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE THORNHAM MAGNA VILLAGE MEETING HELD ON 10th JANUARY 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: 11 members including Joan Maughan (Chair) and Tina Schwarz (clerk)

Attending: Jessica Fleming (SCC councillor, arriving later)

1 Welcome from the Chair and apologies for absence from Jude and Mick Farrell, Sylvie and James Fawcett, Janine Eaves, Julia Henniker and Diana Kearsley.

2 Minutes of the Meeting of 13th September 2016 were approved and passed as an accurate record.

3 Matters arising

Cabins: the application has been passed retrospectively, the inaccurate plans of access were rejected.

Brush left after work in Estate woods, John Cousins does not think removal was part of the contract. The Meeting felt we could take no action.

Dementia friendly village, the Walks are running a project having received funding, particularly for residents in local homes. No response from the village for further CPR and first aid training.

Dave Cowdell said that the village map is almost finished.

Playground repairs have been done.

Banks of stream slumping between the road bridge and the first footbridge This is the responsibility of the landowner. JM to enquire.

4 Financial report and budget for 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018

The RFO talked through the accounts and budget for 2017 to 2018. The bank balance as at 1st December 2016 was £924.77. The proposed budget for 17/18 totals £1043. Taking in Agenda item 5, TS said that a bench for the playground from Street Forge Workshops would add £150 to the budget. Jennifer Vaudrey kindly said that they would pay for installation materials. Mik Farrell it was agreed should be charging for extra shelves in the Bookswap, the RFO will contact him. JV proposed that a precept as last year plus 2% be applied for. Lorna Polke seconded the motion. Meeting agreed unanimously. Budget adjusted to include one bench at £150. DC proposed approval and Jess Palmer seconded. Meeting agreed unanimously. Meeting to approve Jude Farrell as internal auditor. DC proposed JP seconded Meeting agreed unanimously.

5 New bench: Discussed above.

6 Dementia friendly village

Discussed above. The Meeting felt we should be aware of this when planning events in the village in the future.

7 Speeding panel results for the village

JM felt these generally disappointing as 40mph along the Gislingham Road is simply too fast. SS suggested majority of traffic are regular users and are well aware of the problem but ignore it and extra signage would not help. If there is a right of appeal we should do it. JP said a 40mph limit suggested that that speed was safe. There was a view that we should reject and not condone a wrong decision. Jessica Fleming said a 30mph limit would not be possible, however she agrees, as does Diana Kearsley, that 30 would be appropriate. We do not know what the criteria for this decision were. JF agreed to contact David Irving the new Area Highways Officer, urgently for a meeting with residents. This must be dealt with rapidly.

8 Litter pick

19th March was agreed for our annual litter pick. It is hoped that Ben Hall will be able to do the organisation again this year, TS will contact Ben.

9 Reports from other organisations

The Village Hall is running happily, Mick Farrell's proscenium arch is much admired.

Music at Thornham is in the planning and grant application stage for this year.

The Walks had another very good season as has the Café. The Meeting hopes that the new surface on the footpath beds down as it is currently difficult for wheelchairs.

There is no report from MSDC. Jessica Fleming asked for reports on potholes and drainage problems, probably through one person, the Clerk? 01449 614271 is the new single number for community transport which is working quite well, Jessica would be interested in feedback.

10 Forthcoming events

Jumble sale, Village Hall on the 21st.

On the same day at Beyond the Wall is a Wassail celebration.

Café Society is the film on the 27th January.

On 28th January at the Village Hall there will be a fundraiser for Syrian refugees in Symi.

February 24th film is Bridget Jones's Baby.

11 Any other business

As there are many new residents perhaps we should think about reviving the welcome pack? The Clerk would be pleased to have new residents' email addresses to add to the village list, she is tina@sandts.com.

12 The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th May at 7.30 at the Village Hall.

The Meeting closed at 8.55pm.