

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THORNHAM MAGNA VILLAGE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 16th MAY 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: 16 members including Joan Maughan (chair) and Tina Schwarz (clerk and RFO)

Attending: Jessica Fleming (SCC councillor)

1 Welcome and apologies for absence: Julia Henniker, Jude Farrell, Joe Vaudrey, Eileen Chandler, Janine Eves and Frances Jannaway. A welcome was given to new residents James, Paul and Roger. Lorna Polke has now moved from the village and we wish her well for the future.

2 Nominations and elections of officers for 2016/17: The chair and clerk stood down and Mick Farrell presided over the election, Dave Cowdell proposed Joan Maughan as Chair with Priscilla Macrae seconding. A unanimous vote in favour was taken. James Fawcett proposed Tina Schwarz as Clerk and RFO with Jess Palmer seconding. A unanimous vote in favour was taken.

3 Matters arising: Roger Lack spoke on behalf of Tom Lund Lack about the cabins planning application, which now has been resolved. The Walks are now registered with the Dementia Alliance, and discussion followed about the village being Dementia aware. Ben Hall was thanked for arranging the litter pick held in March. RL was concerned about overgrown verges and speeding.

4 Chair's report: Joan outlined concerns about speeding, which has continued to be an issue. The Village Hall films and events have been very popular, particularly the dog show which was a great success and well attended. Beyond the Wall have been awarded new grants, and will now be open at weekends run by volunteers. The Walks new paths have settled down and are an improvement for all, and the May open day was a great success and will hopefully be an annual event.

5 Financial report: The risk assessment and budget were circulated and approved by the Meeting. TS read through the summary receipt and payments. The current account balance as at 1 April 2016 £694.26 and closing balance as at March 2017 £905.77 with outgoings of £555.24 and income from the precept of £766.75. Dave Cowdell asked if another bench could be purchased for the play area next year, a vote was taken with 12 for and 2 against. Jude Farrell, as internal auditor has checked and approved the accounts and was thanked for her help.

6 Report from SCC councillor Jessica Flemming: Jessica thanked us all on her re election. Devolution has been stalled with no further details and within the next 2 years we will see MSDC and Babergh merge with new headquarters at Endeavour House in Ipswich. Due to the recent elections the County Council was not sitting until the new committees are formed. SCC and Kier staff will merge as a single unit in July with a new 5 year agreement in place. Community transport was still based in mid Suffolk and soon bus passes will be able to be used on the border hopper. The community car service is still available with several days notice required, which can be used for doctors appointments etc., this service is intended to be flexible, contact 01449 614271. Network Rail are closing several crossings with ongoing consultations with Highways. Neighbourhood plans help in the growth/planning in our villages but only the bigger villages like Rickingham have adopted them. Diana Kearsley would be able to help and advise. Jessica also discussed the new Orwell crossings, records repository, Progress Power (new owners, still within 5 year planning), Eye airfield housing planning approved for 1,000 new homes and speed limits. Joan thanked Jessica for her help and support.

7 Speeding: Joan outlined the new proposed 40 limit for the Gislingham road, and extension of 30 limit past the church. Much discussion followed as we feel that a 30 limit is required, as 40 is a killer speed. Jessica will continue to support our request, but a new highways panel has yet to be formed, the flashing lights at the walks entrance are not used due to complex operation.

8 Playground and book swap: Overhanging trees need to be cut back and this will be done during the winter. The Book swap is working very well with a lot of use.

9 Planning: David and Tricia Grimwood who have lived in the village for 41 years, outlined their application for an extension, which has been submitted to Planning, there were no objections from the Meeting.

10 AOB: Dave Cowdell reminded us to be aware of scam phone calls. Stephen Schwarz asked about afternoon postal collections from the Street box, clerk to investigate.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th September 2017.