

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE THORNHAM MAGNA VILLAGE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY 2018 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: 11 members plus Joan Maughan (Chair) and Tina Schwarz (Clerk and RFO)

1 Welcome and apologies for absence: Janine Eves, Julia Henniker, Jennifer Vaudrey plus Diana Kearsley, MSDC and Jessica Fleming, County Councillor.

2 Minutes of the Meeting of 12th September 2017: Agreed as accurate by the Meeting.

3 Matters arising: Frances Jannaway asked about the willow tree on the east side of The Street beyond the Carnser. Telephone and power lines are tangled in the tree, she suggested it needed pruning. Who is responsible? Jude Farrell agreed to ask Barney Farrell his opinion.

Cabins update, MSDC is moving slowly. The Chair will write to MSDC, with a copy to the landlord, Julia Henniker, on behalf of the Meeting. All agreed.

4 Finance report: The RFO presented the accounts up to 31st December 2017, plus the Risk Assessment, the current budget and the proposed budget for 2018/2019.

We have £1,066.26 at the bank. The rental for the village meeting was still to be paid, it was generally agreed, as JM suggested, that the meeting should pay its way from the precept, ie not out of volunteer fundraising for the Village Hall.

Thanks to Janine Eves and Andrew Lummis for running repairs to the bookswap and playground.

The finances are satisfactory. The precept for this year was then discussed. JM suggested we increase the precept by 2% for 2018/2019. The RFO said that the suggested new bench plus its fixing for our playground would add to the proposed budget.

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk/RFO would attempt to purchase a bench for a maximum of £300, including the materials for fitting. The members were asked to contact Tina Schwarz if they saw a suitable bench. The budget for 2018/19 to be amended at £1,300. The vote to increase the precept by 2% passed unanimously. Vote to buy a bench at max of £300 passed unanimously.

The RFO said that Sarah Dobson has agreed to act as the Meeting's internal auditor this year.

5 Annual litter pick: Thanks to Ben Hall who has organised this for some years. We need help, the Clerk will enquire. (Subsequently TS has heard from Tom Tierney who has kindly agreed to do the organisation this year.) The date agreed is Sunday 25th March, 10am at the Village Hall.

6 Speeding in the village: Jessica Fleming's report read, she thinks we will eventually get a decision on a speed limit. Speed indicator device installation would cost the village approx £2,800 and can only be installed within a 30 mph area.

Clerk has reported four flood sites, nothing has been done by SCC apart from dropping 'flood' warning signs in the flood. Clerk asked that members report online any problems.

7 Forthcoming events: Jumble sale on Saturday 20th January. There will be a concert on 28th April in the church. There will be a weekend of music at the end of August plus other concerts in the autumn. There is a possibility of reinstating the tennis court.

The Meeting ended at 8.45pm

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 9th May at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.