

THORNHAM PARVA PARISH MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of **Thornham Parva Parish Meeting** held in the Village Hall, Thornham Magna on Wednesday 16th November 2016 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT Mrs J Marshall (Chair)
Mrs G Goulding, Mr P Gudde, Mr M Kay and Mrs C Moore
County Councillor Jessica Fleming for part of the meeting

1. **APOLOGIES**

Col C and Mrs S Dale, Lord Henniker, Mr A King and District Councillor Diana Kearsley

2. **REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

County Councillor Jessica Fleming attended the meeting and gave her report which is reproduced below:

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Speed Limit Extension – the County Council speed panel has decided that a restriction of 40 mph should apply on the Gislingham Road from the T-junction past Thornham Walks to the Thornham Magna entry sign, the 30 mph limit will extend on the past St Mary's Church.

Railways – The new rail franchise was awarded to Greater Anglia in October. This will bring new rolling stock by 2021, more frequent trains and faster speeds on the Norwich to Liverpool St. line as well as more frequent regional trains.

Network Rail Level Crossings – Level crossing closure proposals are being assessed and some rights of way locally are likely to be extinguished. Refer to:

<http://www.networkrail.co.uk/anglialevelcrossings/>

Highways – Josh Kerridge has left the local highways team as of 11th November to work for SCC Development Management. David Irving is taking over his projects.

Suffolk Co. Co. Budget – People are being asked where they think Suffolk County Council should prioritise spending. The survey closes on 30 December 2016 and the budget report will be considered by the Suffolk County Council Cabinet on 24 January 2017, which will make recommendations to Full Council on 9 February 2017.

The County Council must make savings and this consultation will help inform decisions. To respond visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/budgetsurvey2017

Devolution – A final vote will be held by the councils which have opted into the deal, with Norfolk and Suffolk decisions due on 21st and 23rd Nov., respectively.

Sizewell C - EDF Energy has announced that Stage 2 of its public consultation on proposals for a new nuclear power station at Sizewell will begin on 23 November 2016. Responses to the updated proposals need to be received by 3 February 2017. Suffolk County Council will be working on its response over the coming months.

Community Transport - I hope that people are using the connecting communities service available in Mid Suffolk through 01449-614271. Please provide any comments to me if you have used it. Details are available on www.suffolkonboard.com/cc

Questions were asked:

- Clearing of roadside water gullies – when is the annual clearing to take place; machine not digging right through to the adjoining ditch, could this be rectified?
- News on the Progress Power Gas fired Power Station – changes have been made to the design.

No report from the District Councillor.

3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2016 were circulated and approved, and

signed by the Chair following the amendment to the figure shown in minute 6(iv) of £143.72 which should read £173.72.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

The change to the directional signs travelling from Thornham Magna – the signpost at the Gislingham Road junction has been amended and now shows Thornham Parva on the relevant arm. Unfortunately the signpost at the Four Horseshoes has not been changed. The signpost at ‘School House’ which has recently been knocked to the ground will be repaired shortly. A new signpost has been erected on the grass triangle in Thornham Parva, in a more visible position, unfortunately the words ‘Thornham Parva’ have not been added – this was displayed vertically on the post on the old signpost. The additional arm stating and pointing to St Mary’s church has not been added either. County Councillor Fleming said she would be meeting the new Highways Engineer the next day and asked for recent correspondence regarding this to be sent to her by email.

Martin Kay reported that the hedges at the east end of Church Lane were cut in May, it was reported that bramble growth had grown back again. £100 has been earmarked for this work to be carried out in 2017.

The Clerk reported that she had made contact with Suffolk County Council Highways regarding the concern expressed at the last meeting regarding safety of drivers at the corner near the grass triangle travelling to and from Mellis, particularly when travelling towards the A140 with a high bank on the left-hand side and no where for vehicles to pull off. Concern was also expressed at the other corners along Bull Road and the turning to Thornham Magna. Unfortunately the issue was raised when the grass verges were overgrown with vegetation and it was felt the matter would be better once the verges had been cut. It was pointed out that we have chevrons and slow signs already which indicate traffic calming techniques and the system has been checked for any crash data stored, which was nil. It was suggested the best solution to the visibility issues was that the many trees and hedges along the highway boundary are the responsibility of the adjacent landowners and if these were cut and maintained visibility would be improved a great deal. This was instead of any further road markings and or signs being installed.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you letters and emails received following donations made at the last meeting from the East Anglian Air Ambulance, Eye Volunteer Centre and the Citizens Advice Diss, Thetford and District.

Request for a donation received from Marie Curie, together with the two letters reported at the last meeting from the East Anglia’s Children’s Hospices and Magpas (The Emergency Medical Charity). It was agreed not to support any further charities at this time.

6. **FINANCE**

(a) Closure of 2015/16 accounts

The accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2016 have been audited and approved by BDO with one issue raised to assist the Meeting, that minutes were not signed or initialled. However, the Clerk confirmed that signed copies of minutes had been submitted and had e-mailed BDO to this effect. A reply was awaited.

(b) Payments made since the last meeting in May 2016:

Name of organisation	Amount	Details	Cheque No
Robert Fiebelkorn	£100.00	Hedge cutting	100194
Thornham Village Hall	£10.00	Hall hire for PM meeting	100195
Diss & District CAB	£50.00	Donation	100196
Eye Volunteer Centre	£50.00	Donation	100197
East Anglian Air Ambulance	£50.00	Donation	100198

The following donations put forward and approved at the last meeting in May 2016 were made:

- Eye Volunteer Centre - £50.00
- Diss and District CAB - £50.00
- East Anglian Air Ambulance - £50.00.

(d) Invoices to be paid:

There following expenditure would be due following the meeting.

Name of organisation	Amount	Details	Cheque No
Thornham Parva Parochial Church Council	£100.00	Donation	100199
Thornham Village Hall	£14.00	Hall hire for PC meeting	100200

Action: Cheques to be issued against the above-listed accounts.

(e) Accounts for 2016/17:

The position of the account as at 16th November 2016 was reported as follows

Brought forward from 31st March 2016	cr£217.30
Receipts	£302.42
Payments	cr£260.00
As at 16th November 2015	cr£259.72

A projected year ending 31st March 2017 balance of £145.72 was reported.

(f) Proposed Precept 2017/18:

It was agreed to hold the Precept for 2017/18 at £300.00.

Action: Completed Precept 2016/17 forms to be submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council.

(g) Budget for 2017/18

The following proposals for donations were discussed for the proceeding year 2017/18:

- Eye Volunteer Centre - £50.00
- Diss and District CAB - £50.00
- Thornham Parva Parochial Church of £100.00.

Revision to the projected expenditure as set out in the May 2016 meeting minutes was discussed. It was felt that annual cutting of hedging was needed and an allocation of £100.00 should be made. This would replace a proposed £50.00 donation to East Anglian Air Ambulance. It was agreed that Robert Fiebelkorn should be approached again to carry out the hedge cutting next year.

Planned expenditure for 2017/18 would, therefore, be as follows:

Name of organisation	Amount	Details
Thornham Parva Parochial Church Council	£100.00	Donation
Robert Fiebelkorn	£100.00	Hedge cutting
Thornham Village Hall	£24.00	Hall hire for PM meeting
Diss & District CAB	£50.00	Donation
Eye Volunteer Centre	£50.00	Donation
Total	£324.00	

With a £300 Precept and £2 grant from MSDC, this would leave a projected balance as at 31st March 2018 of £123.72. Subject to confirmation of next year's precept, this expenditure was approved.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

3411/16 – Erection of first floor extension – Rose Cottage, 222 Mellis Road for Mr and Mrs Porter – Approval given by MSDC on 11 October 2016

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Good Neighbours Sale – Saturday 10th December 10am-12noon at Carters Farm Cottage
- Village Carol Service – Sunday 11th December 6pm at St Mary's church
- The Clerk said there had been no official reported crimes, although it was understood there had recently been some garden shed break ins with items stolen.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 10 May and 15 November 2017. *May date subsequently changed to Wednesday 17th May.*

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

CHAIRMAN

DATE