

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THORNHAM MAGNA VILLAGE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th MAY 2018 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: 12 members including Joan Maughan (Chair), Tina Schwarz (Clerk and RFO) and Jennifer Vaudrey (Minutes)

Attending: Diana Kearsley (District councillor) and Jessica Fleming (County councillor)

1 Welcome and apologies for absence: Janice Eves, James Warner, Joe Vaudrey, Eileen Chandler, Jude Farrell, Frances Jannaway, Janine Eves and Julia Henniker.

2 Election of officers: Joan and Tina stood down and Mick Farrell took over the election of officers, Joan was proposed by Robin Gorham and seconded by Jess Palmer for Chair and Tina was proposed by Jennifer Vaudrey and seconded by James Fawcett for Clerk and RFO. With no other nominees both were re-elected. The taking of the minutes was discussed, volunteers are needed to help with these.

Mick thanked Joan and Tina for their hard work over the past year.

3 Chair's report: Speeding still needs to be resolved throughout the village, the proposed 40 mile limit on the Gislingham road continues to stall with little progress in sight. The Cabins also continue to be problematic and is ongoing. We have a very strong community spirit within the village with thanks going to Janine for playground checks, Eileen for book swap, Tina and Eileen for defib, Tom and Geraldine with Clare for annual rubbish pick (over 40 sacks this year!). Thornham Walks has reached a target 15,000 footfall with good events enjoyed by families. The church bellringers need more recruits, with a campaign to recruit one new ringer this year in respect of the 100 year anniversary of the Great War.

4 Minutes from Meeting of 7th January: These were passed unanimously.

5 Matters arising: The second playground bench is nearly ready for installation.

6 Financial Report for year ending 31st March 2018 was circulated to the Meeting, along with the Certificate of Exemption, the Internal Audit Report, the Annual Governance Statement and Summary Accounting Statements. The updated budget for 2018/19 was also circulated.

These papers were unanimously accepted by the Meeting. The RFO will submit the Certificate of Exemption to our new External Auditors as our annual income is under £25,000. The papers will be available to all members from 25th June 2018 for 30 consecutive days. The RFO thanked Sarah Dobson for acting as our Internal Auditor.

6 Data protection: Tina has set up a dedicated email account for the Village Clerk's use and has circulated an email for members to give permission to be contacted or deleted by email in the future.

Tina said that the email addresses and names are the only information held by the Meeting on her password protected iPad and therefore believes we are complying with the General Data Protection Regulations coming into law on 25th May 2018. Our Risk Assessment has been amended accordingly.

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Tina Schwarz, Clerk to Thornham Magna Village Meeting

7 The playground at the Village Hall continues to be well used and MSDC will again organise the safety check.

8 Reports from organisations in village: James Fawcett reported that this year the church concerts would be a different format with the main concerts being held in August and September. The last film will be *Life on the Deben* on 18th May, with the special Eric Clapton film having been very well attended. Thanks were made to the hard working Film Crew.

9 Update on speeding: Jessica Fleming reported that there still was no progress on the 40 mile limit for the Gislingham Road, with no speed panel the County Council and Highways Dept seem to be in disarray. She will continue to lobby on our behalf. Joan stressed that we are still very unhappy that this road will not to be made a 30 mile limit, as it is quite dangerous with an accident in January proving our point.

10 Reports from MSDC and SCC: Printed reports were circulated from both Diana and Jessica. Diana highlighted affordable housing within the local plan and Jessica spoke about the loss of bus route 456 from 26th May, due to low use they have become uneconomical. However a new Connecting Communities scheme/home to school partnership has been launched to provide bookable journeys on mini buses/cars to hopefully still provide a service for those without transport. [Later, a revised 456 minibus service was arranged to continue running between Stowmarket and Gislingham on weekdays, extended to Thornham Magna and Eye on Saturdays.]

11 AOB: The post box opposite the Red House has been replaced promptly after been knocked down and dismantled Robin commented that he was unable to have a smart meter installed due to poor signals this seems to be a problem in rural areas generally. James said that plans to install boosters to church towers have been considered as a solution, but he will have to find out more on the exact detailing.

Jennifer commented on the erosion of the grass triangle opposite School House and discussion followed about the unsuitability of our roads and usage.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm

Date of next meeting: 12th September 2018