

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE THORNHAM MAGNA VILLAGE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: 31 members including Joan Maughan (Chair), Tina Schwarz (Clerk and RFO) and Jennifer Vaudrey (Minutes)

Attending: Jessica Fleming (County councillor)

1 Welcome from the chair, declarations of interest and apologies for absence and introductions from the floor. The chair asked permission for the meeting to be recorded and this was agreed. There were no declarations of interest. Apologies from Julia Henniker, Jude Farrell, Joe Vaudrey, Janine Eves, Roger Lack and Diana Kearsley (MSDC councillor).

2 Minutes of the meeting of 9th May: these were passed unanimously.

3 Matters arising:

Speeding in The Street: James Cook had been in contact with the police who had agreed to put up speed cables to assess traffic along this stretch within the next few months. Joan explained once again the history of our fight to have a 30 mph limit, not a 40 mph limit, on the Gislingham Road and Jessica confirmed that as we had lodged an appeal this would now be considered by the new sitting cabinet. She also raised concerns about the A140 junctions, particularly at the White Horse where improvements are now being considered.

Tree Warden: Frances Jannaway was voted in unanimously as our new Tree Warden taking over from Stephen Schwarz who was thanked for his past work.

4 Financial report: We have a closing balance as at 1st August 2018 of £857.23, with payments of £251.99 for bench materials and £83.82 for a new defibrillator battery. Thanks to Mick Farrell, Stephen Schwarz and Joe Vaudrey for their extensive contributions to the playground bench project which came in under budget.

5 Planning: The chair reported on behalf of the Walks that the recent application for a visitors' centre at the playground site has been passed with works due to start this Autumn. Frances was concerned about the proximity of a tree to the new site and would talk to Josephine Henniker-Major about this.

The Chair opened the discussion on the outline planning application for up to seven houses at the Old Post Office, acknowledging that this was a sensitive subject given that the applicants were friends and neighbours of the community. She reminded members that comments of support as well as those of objection were welcome. There was a very full discussion after which Members requested that their views be forwarded to MSDC on behalf of the Parish Meeting. A vote was taken with 30 votes objecting to the application in its entirety, one abstention and no votes for the application.

6 Future village projects: James Fawcett reported on the Church concerts past and forthcoming which have been very successful, please contact him to go on mailing list.

The film crew have a great season of films, with The Post this Friday and booking is required for Coast to Coast on 16th November. We are lucky to have the director (who lives locally) to introduce his film. The children's December film on the 9th December will be Polar Express.

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Tina Schwarz, Clerk to Thornham Magna Village Meeting

9 Jessica Fleming's report: The report had been circulated at the Meeting. Further copies are available from the Clerk.

Rosemary Tyler put a question to Jessica about the withdrawal of the bus services, which affects a minority of people without transport (a worker at Street Forge Workshops now has no means of getting to the village from Stowmarket). Jessica was sorry to report that these services were not viable to operate any longer, but there were now dial a ride services to cover the area.

Road surfacing and potholes were once again discussed, with poor quality repairs noted. Road usage and large vehicles are having a profound effect on our verges with squashed sides and blocked drains. Road salt will no longer be dumped at junctions due to contamination of the land but bins are available to purchase which will be refilled for free. Jessica offered to pay for three grit bins from her locality budget, and was thanked for her offer.

Jessica also reported on concerns within SCC on the poor design of house building with the types of new build not being what is wanted or needed, she is attending a design workshop soon and would welcome comments.

10 Any other business: there were no further items.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Date of next meeting 16th January 2019