

Thornham Magna Village Meeting

Wednesday 11th September 2019 at 7.30pm at the Parish Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend. Villagers can vote if listed in the Register of Electors as eligible to vote in local government elections.

Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
2. Approval of minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday 8th May 2019
3. Matters arising
4. Finance report from the RFO
5. Update on Planning Application DC/19/01558 culvert/bridge, The Bungalow, The Street
6. Upcoming village events
7. Any other business
8. Date for the next Meeting and close of Meeting

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DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THORNHAM MAGNA VILLAGE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th MAY 2019 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: 25 members including Joan Maughan (Chair), Tina Schwarz (Clerk and RFO) and Jennifer Vaudrey (Minutes)

1 Welcome and apologies for absence: the chair asked permission for the meeting to be recorded, all agreed, with no declarations of interest. Apologies for absence from Jude Farrell, Joe Vaudrey, Mr and Mrs Gorringe, Rosemary and Peter Tyler, Frances Jannaway and Paul Foster.

JM thanked Diana Kearsley, the outgoing District Councillor for her excellent support and service to our village. Condolences were expressed to the Gooderham family for the recent death of Sue Gooderham..

2 Election of officers: Mick Farrell took over asked Joan Maughan and Tina Schwarz to stand down for the election of officers. There were no other candidates, Joan declared that this would be the last year that she would stand as she has served in this post for many years. Joan was re-elected unanimously, proposed by Richard Jannaway and seconded by Priscilla Macrae and Tina was re-elected unanimously, proposed by Janes Fawcett and seconded by Eileen Chandler.

3 Minutes of the meeting of 16th January 2019: These were approved unanimously.

4 Matters arising: James Cook had been advised by the police that any action he personally took about speeding in The Street would be seen as an offence and could amount to being cautioned or arrested, he asked other residents for support. Joan had written yet again to Jessica Fleming about

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the unsatisfactory speed limits but had not had a reply.

Richard Jannaway added that the research into improvements to the Parish Hall were ongoing with a good response to the open morning.

We have received a letter of thanks from the CAB for our donation.

5 Budget and Financial Report: TS circulated the annual accounts together with the Certificate of Exemption for the external auditors. Our internal auditor, Sarah Dobson, was thanked for her time. These were approved unanimously, and counter-signed by JM and TS. We had an opening balance as at 1st April 2018 of £1027.26 and a closing balance as at 31 March 2019 of £814.78.

The costs for grass cutting were raised as it's a significant amount each year, could this be taken on as a voluntary basis? Jennifer responded that over the years this had been tried with less than satisfactory results as the area is very large with significant strimming around the playground. It was agreed to continue with the present contractor.

6 Litter pick: The morning was very well attended with significant amounts of rubbish collected. Thanks to Tom Tierney for his organising skills and cake.

7 Appeal APP/W3520/W/18/3214007 Old Post Office/J Eves update: This is now with the Planning Inspector and all the relevant information is under review. JM explained that this is available along with the independent report from residents, on the MSDC planning website.

8 Planning application DC/19/01558 Bridge at the Bungalow, the Street: EC and Roger Balmer explained that we must respect that this application is solely for a bridge and not the development of the site (which has been felled of mature trees systematically over the past year) as the planners can only judge on the current application details. This was discussed at much length with the main points of objection as follows:

- Visual impact, bearing in mind this is an application for a 3m bridge only.
- The Carnser to have all trees and bushes removed, overall length 90m, 2.4m deep and kept to 60cm high to meet visibility rules. Woodman's cottage is listed and is almost opposite the site.
- Safety: the Street is at its narrowest at this point, there is no pavement, no lighting.
- Flood plain: The Environment Agency had yet to respond to this application. However, this site is in Flood Risk 3 zone. Historically the street floods in times of heavy rain, and debris flows and blocks the existing waterway, another bridge would add to this flow and cause even more flooding. Run off from the site was also a concern. VS added that she has been trapped in her house with waters up to her door in the past, which is in the same area as the proposed bridge.
- Carnser and access, JM explained that the application is proposed over the Carnser and stream which are not owned by the developer. The Bungalow has existing access from the street over the brick bridge and along the Carnser to the property from the land owner Julia Henniker, notice had been made to her about this application (certificate B). This access may be appropriate for one car. Helen Belsey voiced her anxieties about the amount of traffic potentially using the unsafe old brick bridge, passing her home, Brook House, especially heavy construction traffic if no bridge was built.
- Bridge design: this was not clear, RB suggested contacting the Conservation Officer.

RB explained that all objections would strengthen our case and recommended a petition from residents separate from the Meeting, this was then agreed and a collection of names for a petition was taken, to be co-ordinated by Eileen Chandler.

It was generally agreed to write to Julia Henniker, owner of the Carnser, expressing the strong views of the village in this matter.

In order to meet the closing date for comments, the Meeting was asked to vote on whether it wished the Chair, Clerk and Eileen Chandler to write and submit a comment as outlined above, on the understanding there was no time to have the final version approved by the Meeting.

A vote was as follows in favour of writing in these terms 16 for agreeing to submission of an objection, 3 in favour of a bridge subject to design, 5 abstentions

9 Village events

Dog show 12th May

Last film night before break 17 May

Women's Cycle Tour 10th June

Church concerts 12/13 June

Village get together 21st June

The meeting ended at 9.25pm.

Date of next Meeting: 11th September 2019.