

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE THORNHAM MAGNA VILLAGE MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT THE VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present:** 16 members including Joan Maughan (Chair), Tina Schwarz (Clerk and RFO) and Jennifer Vaudrey (Minutes)

**Attending:** Jessica Fleming (County Councillor) and Rowland Warboys (MSDC Councillor)

**1 Welcome and apologies for absence:** The Chair asked permission for the Meeting to be recorded, all agreed. No declarations of interest. Apologies for absence from Peter and Rosemary Tyler, Mick and Jude Farrell and Joe Vaudrey

Congratulations were made to Mrs Cattermole on her 100th birthday this summer and our condolences to Jean Haynes and family on the sad loss of Brian, who had been a popular, much loved character whose great sense of humour will be sadly missed.

**2 Approval of minutes of the meeting 8th May 2019:** These were approved unanimously with no matters arising.

**3 Finance report from RFO:** We have an opening balance on 5th April 2019 of £814.78 and a closing balance on 5th August of £1,112.62. The only extra payment apart from running costs was £73.80 for matting under the swings at the playground.

Tina asked the Meeting to make a small donation to the Suffolk Preservation Society, as they had been consulted and had given valuable advice regarding planning in the Street. Frances asked if it was worth joining as a village, with Joan recommending that we make a donation of £50 now and consider membership next year, this was passed unanimously.

**4 Report from Frances Jannaway, Local Tree Warden and Suffolk Tree Wardens Co-ordinator updated the Meeting:**

Ash dieback is resulting in an estimated 10% decline every year, leading to a dramatic change in our landscape. The cost of dealing with dying trees will be enormous. Landowners are responsible for ensuring their trees do not block roads. Please be observant and report trees or large branches which are in danger of falling on the road to SCC, if urgent to 03456 066171, otherwise online, [suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport](http://suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport), remembering that if it is on private land the landowner is responsible.

On a brighter note, Suffolk Tree Wardens and the Woodland Trust are again planting 8500 trees in Suffolk over winter including locally in Eye and Redgrave. Also over the winter the missing link in Cowpasture Lane, between Mellis and Parva will be reinstated.

**5 Report from Jessica Fleming, County Councillor:** Bus services have been dramatically reduced due to lack of use, but the service from Eye and Gislingham to Stowmarket has funding and hopefully will continue Monday to Friday only. Community transport (dial a ride) is active with popular routes well used.

Work has started on the A140 with archaeology digs on the two roundabout sites. The roundabout at Brome should be completed by spring 2020 and the one at Yaxley by the end of 2020. Public consultation will begin on the closing of B1077 and the right hand turn at the triangle in Brome. Hopefully disruption will be minimal as these works are to be constructed adjacent to the A140.

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Tina Schwarz, Clerk to Thornham Magna Village Meeting

The Micheal Burke Wellbeing Centre at the old Hartismere Hospital site will be holding an open day to promote health with social needs on the morning of 26th September.

Steve asked Jessica about the school bus changes, which have split some local villages (for example Rickinghall and Botesdale split with some children going to Hartismere and others to Stanton). Funds from developers to increase local schools and services due to rapid expansion of communities were available but unfortunately not in sync with population growth. GP recruitment was also causing concern with a poor response to recruitment in East Anglia.

Speed limit on Gislingham Road: still no progress and Joan once again explained the need for a 30mph limit and our frustration at the lack of understanding of the unique nature and use of our roads. Jessica said she will once again talk to the Highways Committee and request a site visit.

#### **6 Update on planning application DC/19/1558, culvert bridge at the Bungalow, the Street:**

Joan explained that all the relevant and up-to-date reports were on the MSDC planning web site. This had been heard at Committee on 21st August and has been deferred for further reports from Heritage and EA on 16th October. Joan thanked the hardworking group of Roger Balmer, Eileen, Tina, Steve, Ian, Priscilla and Jennifer for their work behind the scenes. Rowland Warboys was also thanked for his ongoing support.

**7 Report from Rowland Warboys, District Councillor:** This was handed round the Meeting and discussed. There have been problems with the new routes but hopefully this will soon be sorted out as each collecting team has a tablet highlighting missed addresses.

Council house stock is also to be increased, which will support affordable housing. Funding from Rowland's locality budget is available twice a year, with deadlines in May and December.

#### **8 Village events:**

Saturday 14th September Historic Churches bike ride, Sunday 15th screening of Prom at Village Hall, final concert of Music at Thornham season 6th October, pilates class starting on 18th September at Village Hall, film season starts on September 27th with Rocketman, October film Defrosting the Fridge directed by Sandy Johnson, November film Yesterday which was filmed in East Anglia.

**Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 14th January 2020**

**The meeting closed at 9.10pm**