

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE THORNHAM MAGNA VILLAGE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 14th JANUARY 2020 AT THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Present: 19 members including Joan Maughan (Chair), Tina Schwarz (Clerk and RFO) and Jennifer Vaudrey (Minutes)

1 Welcome and apologies for absence: The Clerk asked permission for the meeting to be recorded and all agreed. There were no declarations of interest. Apologies for absence from Frances Jannaway, Jude Farrell, Joy Manwaring, Peter Tyler, and Joe Vaudrey.

2 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday 11th September 2019: Joan updated the Meeting on the bridge application at the Bungalow site which had been approved by MSDC, and thanked all concerned for the hard work and effort which had gone into fighting this plan. James Cook voiced concern over the amount of trees and hedges which will be removed along the Carnser when the bridge is built and the effect it will have on the street scene. Concerns were raised about ownership of the Carnser and the type and density of any proposed development, but until an application has been submitted it remains unclear.

Richard Jannaway pointed out that on point 7, on Rowland's report it omits 'new routes for rubbish and recycling'.

These were now approved.

3 Finance report: We have an opening balance as at 5th April 2019 of £814.78 and a closing balance as at 5th December 2019 of £1662.62, with a total of £352.16 to be paid out in January for outstanding invoices. Tina proposed that we join the Suffolk Preservation Society (£30 per year) and a vote was taken with 18 approving and one abstention. She is also looking into changing our legal advisory service. A donation of £50 to the CAB was also approved again to support their important work.

The annual precept was discussed and at this point Richard Jannaway presented outline ideas for flashing Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) for the village to try and slow down speeding traffic in the Street and Finningham Road. He has had a quote for two flashing signs, four posts and four rechargeable batteries for £2,000 (plus vat) and possible sites were discussed with locations suggested at each end of the Street and the Wickham road. Unfortunately the Gislingham Road or Major Lane would not be able to be included as these signs have to be located in existing speed limits. James and Paul have offered to charge the battery packs and maintain the posts. Much lively discussion followed about how this could be funded including £500 raised from the precept, locality grant from Jessica Fleming SCC and crowdfunding.

Joan summarised that SIDs could help to cut the speeding by awareness and be a movable benefit to the village. It was also suggested we could seek advice from other local villages which already have them. A vote was taken to raise the precept by 40% this year for £500 to be pledged to this project, a vote was taken and approved with 14 voted for, four against with one abstention.

4 Playground report: Only minor repairs were recommended last year, which will be done asap, Mik Farrell continues to monitor the equipment.

5 Litter pick: This year will be on Sunday 29th March, meeting at 10.30am at the Parish Hall. Please note BST – the clocks will have gone forward that weekend. The Bookswap also needs a clean and brush up, volunteers needed.

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Tina Schwarz, Clerk to Thornham Magna Village Meeting

6 Updates from village organisations: The next season of films commences on 31st January with Downton Abbey, 21st February Knives Out, 20th March Good Liar. An extra film will be shown 6th March Five Seasons, featuring the works of Piet Oudolf, there are no dates for Music at Thornham set as yet. Thornham Walks, Joan represented Jo Henniker Major and explained that the new Walks centre was almost completed (which has been clad with Estate oak), and will be officially opened on 25th April. It is now open and manned 10am-4.00pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday by Jo and 10am-4.00pm at weekends by Liz. Throughout the Park tree felling and maintenance was ongoing due to dead and rotten trees. Richard representing the Parish Hall, pleaded for new Trustees and volunteers to help as they were several posts to fill. The AGM is on 3rd March with only three meetings a year. The plans for refurbishment have been passed and the Trustees are now considering options with tenders being prepared. Any help with this in any form would be very welcome.

The Village Hall needs you!

It was also asked if the bottle banks and recycling centre were still worthwhile. While the returns are no longer as profitable, it still generates £400+ a year, perhaps a sign by the road would remind people we still have this important resource.

7 Reports from MSDC and SCC councillors: Rowland Warboys was unable to attend but his report was circulated and Jessica Fleming sent her apologies.

8 AOB: Frances Jannaway, our Tree Warden, has asked to be kept informed of any trees or branches which need attention. Rosemary asked for volunteers to clear the blocked gullies along the Street to disperse lying water in the road.

Joan closed the meeting with condolences to the families of Malcolm Archer, Vivian Cowdell, Jan Eves, Sue Gooderham and Peter Warby who have all sadly recently died. Each one of these had contributed to village life in their own way and made our community richer, very sad losses. Also Christopher Dale from Thornham Parva who had run the Village Hall for many years with military precision.

Date of next Meeting was set for Tuesday 12th May 2020 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm