

Draft Minutes Meeting, 7.30pm, 13 January 2022

Present: Joan Maughan, chair, Tina Schwarz, clerk, nine members of the Meeting and Rowland Warboys, Mid Suffolk District Councillor

1. Welcome from the Chair and apologies for absence from Jennifer Vaudrey, Rosemary and Peter Tyler, Thelma and Tim Thorogood, Ben Hall, Jude and Mick Farrell
2. The draft minutes were approved as an accurate record of the Meeting of 12 May 2021, agreed unanimously
3. Matters arising, there were no matters arising, agreed unanimously
4. Village response to planning application DC/21/06661 for two additional houses and bridge on the Bungalow site, The Street, Thornham Magna IP23 8HB. NB planning permission having already been granted by MSDC for two houses and erection of a bridge DC/20/04979 10 August 2021. Rowland Warboys: will meet the planner Mahsa Kavyani as he feels this application should be a committee decision. There was a pre-application meeting before the first two houses and bridge was applied for when a four house proposal was met with a negative reaction from the planners. There was surprise that an application such as this should be made under delegated powers. RW has concerns some of which are: the local plan may be stalled but in a judicial review that does not carry weight, the Mellis application is not a precedent, applications are judged on individual merits, the current application involves building houses outside the village envelope and back garden development is disliked. RW also pointed out that planning permission can be granted on land belonging to

others, but the developer won't be able to start work until he has the permission of the owner. The legal advice is that a planning application is not congruous with ownership. Rodger Davis said that he thought that the application is inadequate and should have been rejected by Planning in the first place, it not being clear that this is for two additional houses on the site, that there is not enough detail, the drawings are incomplete, there are no photos, no sections, etc and that the industrial bridge does not show the splays involving the wholesale destruction of the carnser trees. RD emphasised that the owner of the carnser should respond to the Schedule D post within 21 days. TS said the advert had the address postcode wrong and 'D Barker' the signatory appears to have no position at MSDC according to the website. The statutory village response will be written on these lines.

5. Playground at the village hall. Minor repairs, none of which were named as essential in our annual playground report, should be done in addition to the overhanging branches which have already been cleared. This will be arranged.
6. The Responsible Finance Officer, Tina Schwarz talked through the accounts and current budget plus draft budget for 22/23, all figures are on the Village Meeting page of thornhams.org , we started the financial year with £2224.75 at the bank, at 5 December 2021 we had £2757.55 at bank. Approximately £955 remains to be paid out before the close of the current financial year. The draft budget for 2022/23 was then discussed in order to apply for a Precept. This totals £1358. James Fawcett, churchwarden to St Mary Thornham Magna, asked for support for mowing on the bank and war memorial again in 22/23. JM suggested £200 and asked that if the PCC wished to apply again in the future, full audited accounts should be supplied in advance in order that all

parties have an audit trail. JF thanked the Meeting. TS also said that the footbridge at the end of the millennium walk by the village hall car park has to be repaired. It was suggested that a contractor is employed as it is not a straightforward job and we have overused all our generous volunteers over the last year. TS suggested trialling a purchase of 30mph limit self adhesive stickers for dustbins, plus 'please slow down' for bins outside the 30mph limit area as an attempt to remind drivers that speeding vehicles are a serious problem, this was agreed by all. All in all it was suggested that £1000 should therefore be the precept, this figure was unanimously agreed having been voted on by the Meeting.

7. AOB Joan Maughan said that she intends to resign the Chair of our Meeting in May 2022 and requested that people self nominate or make third party nominations for her successor. Ben Hall, sent many thanks to all those who had their Christmas trees chipped as a fundraiser for Suffolk Accident Rescue Service. In the county 350 trees were chipped raising £3000 for the charity of which Ben is Operations Manager. The Meeting wished to mark the death at the age of 99 of Dr Barbara Vaudrey, for many years a locum GP in the area and local resident, to be noted, with sympathy extended to Joe and Jennifer Vaudrey of Thornham Magna
8. Date of the next Meeting Thursday 19 May, 7.30pm, we hope in the village hall. Close of Meeting 21.09