

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 14TH MARCH 2011**

MINUTES

PRESENT: THE CHAIRMAN, 6 COUNCILLORS, 3 PARISHIONERS & GUEST SPEAKERS

- 1. APOLOGIES: Mr E. Atkinson & Mr Roger Warren**
- 2. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.**
3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 15th March 2010 were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A. VILLAGE PLAN

No actions to report concerning the Play space areas, still trying to locate suitable locations within the parish.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This last year has seen a shift in the way local government may function in the future, it is still not clear to us what the Government means by the big society but we are already seeing some of the effect through the cuts being initiated by the County Council. We are very concerned by these cuts and have had a number of discussions related to the local issues including the future of Libraries, waste recycling and school crossings.

The last year has also seen dramatic changes take place on the beach/cliffs at Thorpeness, a Working Group was formed to try and address these problems on behalf of the Parish and have been very successful in working with the District Council to achieve the results that can be seen to day and the provision of further coastal defence work to be undertaken later this year (more in their report). Many thanks to Mike Chandler for leading this Group.

I would like to raise the following highlights of the year:

- a) Public Transport for the parishes continues to be a concern.
- b) Traffic still remains an issue in both Aldringham and Thorpeness, but progress is slow, it has been agreed to provide gateway style entrances (similar to the ones at Snape) at the 30 mile speed limit signs at both entry points into Thorpeness, this will provide a very strong visual indicator that you are entering the village. Concern also continues to be raised regarding the condition of Aldringham Lane and although minor repairs have been carried out, the Parish Council is still pushing for more significant repairs to this road.
- c) Money has been set aside for new notice boards and grit bins.

- d) Money has again been allocated to support the ongoing work of the Good Neighbours Scheme.
- e) Support has also been given to the refurbishment of the Sports Pavilion at Thorpeness and the new Rugby club who are now making regular use of the Facilities.
- f) The twice yearly newsletter continues to be developed thank to Christine Laschet.
- g) A review of the Thorpeness conservation area was concluded.
- h) The Parish WEB site continues to develop and is currently going through a revamp thanks to Louise Chadwick.

As always Planning applications continue to occupy a lot of Council time with over 30 applications being considered in the last year. This number seems to remain fairly constant from year to year and although we do not always agree with the decisions reached by SCDC but we will continue to present what we believe are the views which are best for the Parish.

The Boundary review that was being undertaken in Suffolk was abandoned with a change in government.

We have held the Precept for 2011/12 at £7000.00.

Finally, I would like to thank all who contributed time and effort in helping to improve the Parish, and especially my fellow councillors for all they do for the Parish and on their behalf I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Shirley for all the work she does behind the scenes.

6. REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

- A. LOCAL POLICE - PC PAUL DOWNEY
- B. SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL -
COUNCILLOR MARIANNE FELLOWES
- C. ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH - REV'D CHRISTINE BROOKS
- D. COLDFAIR GREEN SCHOOL - MRS MINTON
- E. THORPENESS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB - MRS V ALLPORT
- F. GOODNEIGHBOUR SCHEME - MRS P. MCLARDY
- G. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - MR T. WOODS
- H. PARISH SUPPORT GROUP - MRS C. LASCHET & MR M. LASCHET
- I. RAINBOW TOTS - MRS J. SAVAGE (read on her behalf)
- J. SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR RICHARD SMITH
- K. COASTAL PROTECTION - MIKE CHANDLER

7. MEETING OPEN FOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS.

Thanks were made to Marianne Fellowes and S.C.D.C. for their quickness in acting on the Coastal Defence Works.

Signed

CHAIRMAN

19th MARCH 2012