

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE
HELD ON 12TH SEPTEMBER 2011 - 7.30 P.M.
at THE ALMSHOUSES, THORPENESS**

THE MINUTES

PRESENT:

**MRS. M. CRAWFORD, MR D. MAYHEW, MR M. PILCHER
& MR J. SHREEVE & MR S. SQUIRRELL**

IN ATTENDANCE: S.C.D.C.

**CLLR. MARRIANNE FELLOWES, CLLR. T. J. HAWORTH,
S.C.C. CLLR. RICHARD SMITH & 4 PARISHIONERS**

PARISHIONERS FORUM - 10 MINUTE ALLOCATION

A parishioner requested that the Parish Council look in the possibility of having yellow lines on the road from Lakeside Avenue/Mere April-September.

1. APOLOGIES

Mr E. Atkinson, Mrs P. McLardy, Mrs V. Allport & Local Police

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

An amendment made misspelling of councillor's name Mervyn not Melvyn Pilcher. The minutes of the last meeting held on 1st August 2011 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. REPORTS

**a) SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR & SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT
COUNCILLORS**

COUNCILLOR R. SMITH reported that August and the beginning of September were relevantly quiet, they will be very shortly working on the budget for 2012/13, a public consultation will be carried out to see how savings can be achieved.

He quoted that the local libraries would be safe, the day to day running of these still has to be negotiated..

COUNCILLOR T.J. HAWORTH & COUNCILLOR MARRIANNE FELLOWES

All the funding for the coastal protection works has been secured and a the appointed contractor is due to start Phase 2 works in approximately 2 weeks time.

Aldeburgh Hospital

Suffolk NHS is progressing the divertment of services at our local Community Hospitals. This was previously provided by Suffolk Community Healthcare and this possible change

of provision was sadly not brought to our attention, or to the attention of S.C.C., and the League of Friends who have contributed so much over the last few years.

Cllr Fellowes (as portfolio lead for Community Health for the District) once alerted by the Chair of the League of Friends has raised this at a senior level and requested as meeting/conference call to share our concerns.

Parking Increase - Town and Parish councils and other interested parties are to be asked for their views about the proposals to increase town centre car parking charges.

The Alde and Ore's big conversation- People have until Friday 30th September to give their views. All documents can be found on <http://www.suffolkcoastalfutures.org.uk/> or at the local libraries, parish, town and district council offices.

b) COASTAL PROTECTION - MR MIKE CHANDLER

Phase 2 works - He reported all the money has now been collected and the legal agreement has been signed. The bags have been ordered and are due for delivery on 26th September for the commencement of the works at the start of the month. A mail drop has been made to all households in that vicinity informing them of when and what is expected during the works. The contractors will be having their office/compound on the car park. Temporary closure notices for footpath 33 have been advertised and fenced off from the public. The Shoreline Management Plan still has not be agreed. A community open meeting is planned for October and it is likely that this will be held at the Sports & Social Club Thorpeness.

c) LOCAL POLICE - report read in their absence.

Since the last meeting on 1st August the following crimes have been recorded within the parish.

ALDRINGHAM - 12th August 2011 driving under the influence of Alcohol Leiston Road, Aldringham. Male arrested and vehicle seized.

22nd August damage caused to vehicles parked in Belle Coaches yard, approximately £2000.00 worth. Scratches to bonnet and doors.

THORPENESS 19th August Theft of pedal cycles from the Boathouse at the Mere. Both were unlocked and found days later outside Shotters Garage, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston.

Between 8th and 22nd August the Sluice House along Aldeburgh Road was entered by person removing cardboard windows and used premises to light fire, drink alcohol and possibly smoke drugs.

19th August damage to vehicle parked on the junction of Benthills and Church Road bonnet and front doors scratched.

The new Police Officer for the Parish is PC 1272 Hayley O'Donnell.

The next Public priority meetings for all to attend are on Tuesday 25th October 7 pm at the Community Centre, Kings Georges Avenue, Leiston also on Wednesday 26th October at Kings Field Community Centre Aldeburgh.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A. PARISH ACTION PLAN

Areas of Responsibility - Three Councillors were unable to attend, so this will again be carried over to the next meeting.

ACTION: Parish Councillors

The new bench for Aldringham Lane was discussed and it was agreed to purchase the same as the one which is on the Village Green Mill Hill, Councillor Smith advised that he could assist with the purchase from his Locality Budget Fund.

B. THORPENESS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

A meeting is planned for this coming Sunday 18th September at the Club. A committee has been formed consisting of committee members from the Thorpeness Rugby Club and the Sports & Social Club committee. The badminton club are still currently able to use the building for practices and matches. The Trustees are due to hold another meeting on 11th October 2011.

Mr Michael Trapp thanked the Parish Council for their support with funding from S.C.D.C. Sports Group Funding.

6. PLANNING

C11/1732 2, The Benthills, Thorpeness Erection of two-storey rear extension (existing extension to be demolished), support this application.

Suffolk Coastal District Council approved the following:-

C11/1609 Church Farm, Church Lane, Aldringham Conversion of redundant barn to holiday home.

C11/0585 16 Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness Erection of single-storey extensions to west and north elevations.

C11/1270 Sizewell Hall, Sizewell Hall Road, Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Erection of replacement external fire escape staircases

S.C.D.C. Outdoor Playing Space Contributions - The Clerk reported the balances as Sports Groups balance £8,293.24 (cleared) and Play Group balance as £25,148.23 (cleared).

7. FINANCE

BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUNT	£13831.64 *
* includes interest 7 Mar - 5 Jun £1.73	
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	£1734.14 **
** includes Insurance Claim Bus Shelter	
TO PAY	
Clerks Salary £501.00 + £5.00 travel	
+ £9.70 postage/telephone =	£515.70
P. Rousseau Bus Shelter	£885.00
W. H. Smith Vouchers - Audit	£25.00
Leiston Press Newsletters	£128.00

All agreed - Proposed Mr S. Squirrell, seconded Mr M. Pilcher.

9. CORRESPONDENCE & NEW ITEMS

A. S.C.D.C. are carrying out a Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations the Clerk will reply.

B. An e-mail has been received from Sizewell Hall stating that the roof on the bus shelter is in need of repair. The Clerk has inspected the shelter and spoken with Chairman concerning this. She also mentioned that metal posts have been placed on the triangular piece of land adjacent to the shelter and that these would look better if replaced with wooden ones. It was agreed that prices will be obtained for the shelter and that the posts will be replaced.

C. S.C.C. informing that there will be a temporary public right of way closure Footpath No 33 Thorpeness Beach from Tinkers End to a point just north of Red House at the gabion end for safety reasons during the coast protection. It is intended that this closure be until 31st December 2011.

D. Suffolk County Council Restructure of Highways & Transport. Major restructuring of highways and transport services within the County Council has been taking place, not only by the need to reduce costs, but also to provide a clearer, more responsive service, and more efficient delivery of programmes of maintenance and improvement work.

- East area offices (based at Saxmundham and Lowestoft) will continue to deal with highway issues in parishes and towns in Waveney and Suffolk Coastal. Derek Oldham is the East Area Manager.

E. Bench - Aldringham Lane was discussed under item 5. Matters Arising.

F. Suffolk Acre Housing Needs Survey - Nothing to report as Mrs Allport was unable to attend this meeting.

ACTION: Mrs Allport

DISTRIBUTION

Suffolk Acre Update

Suffolk View

Suffolk Sports fit villages

SALC information

Volunteer Suffolk Coastal

2011 Suffolk Rural Arts Directory

10. COUNCILLORS ROUNDUP

Councillor has received complaints about the position of the doggy bin near the Dolphin Inn, it was agreed that this be relocated further down Old Homes Road, Thorpeness.

Concerns were raised over the proposals that NHS Suffolk who are currently reviewing community healthcare. Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital could be affected if services are awarded to a private company. Letter will be sent expressing our concerns.

ACTION: The Clerk

11. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING will be MONDAY 24th OCTOBER 2011

SAME TIME and SAME PLACE

Signed

24TH OCTOBER 2011

Chairman