

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE
HELD ON 7TH JANUARY 2013 - 7.00 P.M.
at THE SPORTS PAVILION, THORPENESS**

THE MINUTES

PRESENT:

**MR E. ATKINSON, MRS V. ALLPORT, MR M. CHANDLER,
MR D. MAYHEW, MRS P. MCLARDY & MR M. PILCHER**

IN ATTENDANCE:

**3 PARISHIONERS, S.C.D.C. COUNCILLORS MARIANNE FELLOWES,
T. J. HAWORTH & S.C.C. COUNCILLOR RICHARD SMITH**

PARISHIONERS FORUM - 10 MINUTE ALLOCATION

*Parishioners in attendance for discussion on a planning application C12/2333
2 Hill Cottages, Aldeburgh Road, Aldringham.*

1. APOLOGIES

Mr S. Squirrell, Mr J. Shreeve & PCSO Terry Barrow

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 26th November 2012* were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

* an amendment made should have included Mr D. Mayhew in attendance.

4. REPORTS

a) **SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR RICHARD SMITH**

Councillor Smith report that his £414.00 Locality Funding had been released.
Nothing to report at this present time on Aldringham Lane issues.

**SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCILLORS T. J. HAWORTH &
MARIANNE FELLOWES**

There is still time to complete the race to fill in a special survey aimed at all sports clubs in Suffolk Coastal and Waveney that will help the two Councils provide even better support in the future. The outline audit is aimed at all clubs, however big or small, and whatever age groups, they are serving. The information we are seeking is very important as it will help us tailor our resources to meet specific needs of local clubs. Suffolk Coastal's active communities team have hosted special development and information nights for clubs in their district and have online a Sports Funding Directory and a Sports Club Directory these guides can be found on www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourfreetime/sportsclubs/ and provide local contacts for over 50 sports or details of around 200 different local, regional and national organisations that can be contacted for funding.

CHANGES TO COUNCIL TAX/COUNCIL TAX BASE

A lot of time over Christmas and New Year period has been about the changes to

Council Tax Benefit which will be New Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme as from April 2013.

I have with me a Q&A document for you along with a copy of the presentation that was held this morning.

Council Tax Benefit is currently paid to people on low income to help them pay their Council Tax bill. At the moment Government gives Councils funding to pay for all Council Tax Benefits in full. As part of the Government's welfare reform programme and the need to reduce the nation's debt, the Government has decided to change a number of benefits which includes the current Council Tax Benefit scheme, which will stop at the end of March 2013.

Instead, the Government expects Councils to introduce a New Council Tax Reduction Scheme that will replace Council Tax Benefit and to introduce the changes as from 1st April 2013. The new scheme will receive 10% less in funding from central Government, with less funding we will not be able to offer everyone the same level of support they get now. Pensioners are fully protected.

HOUSING BENEFIT CHANGES

From April 2013 the Government is introducing a 'size criteria' for new and existing working age tenants which will limit how many bedrooms your family will receive benefit for.

Working age tenants (those below the Pension Credit age) may lose part of their Housing Benefit if they are deemed to be under occupying the property.

Where can I go for extra help?

You can get more information on the GOV.UK website ([new window](#)) which provide information on public services.

The Citizens Advice Service provides a wide range of advice. The district is served by branches at Felixstowe - 01394 275958 ([new window](#)) Leiston - 01728 832193 ([new window](#)) and Ipswich 01473 219777 ([new window](#)).

If you are struggling with living independently there is advice and support available through the SNAP project. SNAP can help you manage your accommodation, help you budget and manage your money, help you seek work and training. Further information is available online or alternatively contact them on 01473 742690.

Gateway to Homechoice have created a free online 'Housing, help and work service ([new window](#)).

b) LOCAL POLICE

There is 1 crime recorded for Aldringham and Thorpeness during December 2012 compared to the 3 recorded for the same period last year.

1 Criminal Damage to the straps on a horse blanket whilst the horse was wearing it (Aldeburgh Road, Aldringham).

Leiston and Aldeburgh Priorities

- Tackle Anti Social Behaviour around Sizewell Road, Grimsey Road, Eastward Ho and Sylvester Road in Leiston
- Crag Path Fisherman's Huts harden the area of Crag Path by working with town/district council and the fishermen themselves.
- Parking and Road Safety - Target illegal parking in Leiston and Aldeburgh. Attend schools and promote the importance of road safety.

Road Safety

The Be Bright Be Seen Campaign will continue through into the New Year.

We still have a couple of spaces left on 23rd January 2013 for The Grand Driver

Scheme at the Community Centre, Kings Field, Aldeburgh between 10.00 am and 12.30 p.m. The aim of scheme is to enable older people to identify issues relating to driving and top receive assistance with refreshing skills and adopting coping strategies to safely maintain independence.

There are also spaces available for 30th January 2013 at Leiston Community Centre.

Next Priority Meetings

Leiston Community Centre - 12th February 2013

Aldeburgh Community Centre - 13th February 2013

c) COASTAL PROTECTION - MR MIKE CHANDLER

Thorpeness erosion response works

Following a joint site inspection S.C.D.C. have confirmed scope and funding for additional Phase 2 works comprising gabion rock infill, fence repairs and Benthills permanent beach access. No further community financial contributions will be required. J. Breheny Contractors Ltd are expected on site Feb/Mar 2013 and adjacent residents will be notified when dates are known.

Shoreline Management Plan

The draft change in policy remains with interested organisations for consideration. This is expected to take some months. There will be more information to share once consensus is reached in principle. Overall progress is positive.

Village Review - Coastal Plan

The 2nd November Parish Meeting identified coastal issues for on-going action including better understanding of future trends, beach re-charge, dredging and Sizewell impacts. Volunteers expressed interest in forming a community coastal group in mid 2013, ideally when current work on protection, SMP policy and Sizewell liaison has reached a firm basis for going forward.

Cliffs towards Thorpeness

Concern has been expressed in the parish about recent minor collapse and whether toe protection could be provided. Unusually both the land and foreshore are privately owned and are unlikely to attract public funding for coastal protection against normally applied criteria. However the Phase 2 scheme has installed a buried toe protection to avoid outflanking in the corner beyond the gabions, and a small groyne to encourage accretion. Further north the policy would remain as no active intervention with natural cycles of toe scour and crest retreat. Allowing for sea level rise the SMP predicts a loss of 10 - 30 m averaged over 100 years. This is highly dependent on the extent to which the beach height is maintained and the coastal group may wish to consider options.

d) SIZEWELL POWER STATIONS - MR MIKE CHANDLER

Sizewell Stakeholder Group and emergency planning zones

The full SSG meeting was attended on 6th December 2012

Arrangements have been made for Andy Osman, Head of Emergency Planning at SCC to update Parish Council Meetings at Knodishall on 16th January and Aldringham-cum-Thorpe on 11th February 2013. Risk Assessment for Sizewell B indicates a possible 1km detailed emergency planning zone following the A Station shutdown. The key question for the consultation is whether, in the light of national and international assessment, it is proposed to widen the historic 2.4m DEPZ to

include parishes not previously affected by health and planning provisions (aside from an extendable zone for an extreme event). The consultation period ends 8th April 2013.

Sizewell C Consultation

The Sizewell C Community Forum was attended on 13th December 2012.

Work is underway with EDF and SCDC to establish on-going liaison with the community regarding mutually interactive coastal schemes and processes.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A. PARISH ACTION PLAN

Village Sign - Thorpeness

Still awaiting the quotations.

ACTION: Mrs V. Allport

B. Follow up from the VILLAGE REVIEW which was held on 2nd November 2012
The Council have received the Parish Consultation document from Suffolk Acre.

The Volunteers who put their names forward will be contacted to make some movement on the issues that were suggested on the evening.

- Coastal Defence
- Heritage Centre
- Affordable Housing
- Village Hall and Cycle Paths

6. PLANNING

C12/2427 2 Tinkers End, Beach Farm Road, Thorpeness Single-storey extension and creation of balcony area for flat above, support this application.

C21/2333 2 Hill Cottages, Aldeburgh Road, Aldringham Erection of 2 storey extension, proposed new includes ground floor utility room, lobby, living room and vine house, 1st floor bedroom, bathroom & store, support this application.

C12/2403 Mallards, 4 Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness Demolition of existing property to allow continuation of application C12/2030, do not support.

C12/2030 Mallards, 4 Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness Demolition of existing property and the erection of two storey house on the site, do not support this application as with the above.

C12/2445 Corners, Aldeburgh Road, Thorpeness Proposed alterations and extensions including new outbuildings, addition of pitch roof over existing garage, and new dormer windows. (Amended scheme to those previously approved under C11/2571 & C12/1975), support this application

C12/2533 The Red House, North End Avenue, Thorpeness Extension to form recreational facility and proposed detached garage, support this application.

C12/00140/TCA Tree Work Notification at Alnmouth, The Sanctuary, Thorpeness - permission has been granted for tree works to be carried out.

7. FINANCE

BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUNT	£15841.05
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COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	£1184.80*
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* includes S.C.C. Locality Budget

TO PAY

Grit Bin paid on Proforma Invoice £114.00	
+ £22.80 VAT =	£136.80
Barnes Rosher £5.58 + £1.12 VAT =	£6.70
Wrentham Christmas Trees Limited	£115.00
Beacon Lights £14.00 + £2.80 VAT =	£16.80
Orwell Housing	£20.00
W. H. Smith Voucher & Gifts (Mrs S. Tilbrook)	£30.75
Thorpeness Rugby Club Room Hire	£80.00
DONATION	
East Anglian Air Ambulance £100.00 proposed Mr Pilcher, seconded Mr Mayhew	£100.00
The Budget was agreed and the Precept set for 2013/14 Will be £7000.00 no increase made on previous year. All agreed - proposed Mrs Allport seconded Mr Pilcher.	

8. CORRESPONDENCE & NEW ITEMS

- A. S.C.C. Revised Bus Service - distribution.
- B. S.C.D.C, S.C.C. & Sizewell C Joint Local Authority Group Community Engagement Event is to be held on Tuesday 15th January 2013
- C. S.C.C. informing that the Suffolk Fire Service - Stakeholders Consultation is running until 14th January 2013 details can be found through the Suffolk County Council Website
<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/your-council/decision-making/consultations/delivering-the-best-fire-service-to-you>

DISTRIBUTION

Suffolk Coastal Resource Network - Newsletter
LCR Winter 2012
Clerks and Councillors Direct

9. COUNCILLORS ROUNDUP

Councillor reported that there are a number of potholes along the B1353 - Clerk will report this to S.C.C.

**10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2013
SAME TIME and SAME PLACE**

Signed

Chairman

11TH FEBRUARY 2013