

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE
HELD ON 11TH FEBRUARY 2013 - 7.00 P.M.
at THE TOWER ROOM, THORPENESS**

THE MINUTES

PRESENT:

**MR E. ATKINSON, MRS V. ALLPORT, MR M. CHANDLER,
MR D. MAYHEW, MR M. PILCHER, MR SHREEVE & MR S. SQUIRRELL**

IN ATTENDANCE:

**MR GRAHAM SAWARD Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit
S.C.D.C. COUNCILLOR T. J. HAWORTH &
S.C.C. COUNCILLOR RICHARD SMITH**

PARISHIONERS FORUM - 10 MINUTE ALLOCATION

Nothing to report

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs P McLardy & PCSO Terry Barrow

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. PRESENTATION/QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

MR GRAHAM SAWARD Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 7th January 2013 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

5. REPORTS

a) SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR RICHARD SMITH

Councillor Smith mention that he was saddened to hear of the loss of Mr John Hurn who had once been an active member of the Parish Council and other local organisations.

The Chairman added that the Clerk, Mr D. Mayhew and himself had this afternoon attended A Service of Thanksgiving for his life at Aldringham Church.

He reported that in 2013/14 a saving of £25 million needs to be made. Again Suffolk County Council would freeze Council Tax.

He has managed to arrange a meeting with Mr Tim Passmore scheduled for Tuesday 19th February 2013 and this is to be held at the Community Centre, Leiston, 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.

From his 2012/13 Locality Budget Fund he still has a total of £2000.00 which has to be used before the end of this financial year, he quoted that he would be passing this to the Coastal Accessible Transport Service to assist with the funding of a new bus, this is something that he feels will be beneficial to all parishes.

Tesco application - there is notice on the fence at the site regarding licensing - from 6 am to midnight everyday of the week. Comments need to be made before the 6th March 2013.

Help shape our spending for the future

These are some of the most challenging and uncertain financial times for Suffolk Coastal and the communities we serve.

In simple terms, the Government has reduced the amount of funding it gives us by 30% over the four years to 2014 and its next spending review in 2014 is highly likely to continue this sharp downward trend. In practice, this means we are trying to provide services in 2013 with a level of total income that is the same amount as we had to spend seven or eight years ago.

Council Tax benefits are changing

For example, the new Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme will see the total amount we receive from Government that we can pay out to support those in need of help to pay their Council Tax bills cut by at least 10 per cent. After detailed discussions, we have agreed a way forward that we think will minimise the impact, and we would emphasise that those on state pensions will not be affected. However the new scheme will inevitably affect the Council's income and our budget decisions and those of the district's town and parish councils.

There are other proposed changes to the benefits system, including housing benefits, which will also be introduced in the near future. The information regarding benefits can be found on the website.

New Business Rates retention scheme

At the same time, there is also a change being introduced to the money collected from local companies to support local council services - the business rates.

District Councils like Suffolk Coastal currently collect the business rate and then give it all to the Government which also sets the business rate. The Government then gives some of it back to Councils to help pay the local services based on its assessment of our needs.

Review of size of Council

There is an official review of how many councillors Suffolk Coastal District Council should have, their individual ward boundaries, the number of wards and the names of those wards.

The Further Electoral Review is being conducted by independent experts from the local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) whose aim is wherever possible to achieve electoral equality across the district, so that each councillor is representing roughly the same number of electors.

Food rating

Advice to food businesses on how to ensure they maintain their food hygiene ratings as high as possible is being highlighted again by food safety officers in Suffolk Coastal and Waveney. In the last two years, new guidance has been issued to food businesses by the national Food Standards Agency (FSA) clarifying how to control the risk of food consumption, particularly from E.coli 0157

The vast majority of the more than 2,200 food businesses that sell food to consumers in our two districts are currently in the top two ratings of the food hygiene rating scheme (FHRS) and our teams are ready to help them maintain or improve their positions.

Sizewell C

Conditional support was given last Tuesday to proposals to build a new Sizewell C Power Station but Suffolk Coastal District Council's Cabinet is also insisting that its

development must bring real benefits to all its districts communities.
Because of the scale and importance of Sizewell C, Suffolk Coastal has been working with Suffolk County Council to agree a joint response to the plans that reflect the views and needs of local communities.

b) LOCAL POLICE

There were 2 crimes recorded for Thorpeness for the period between 1st January and no crimes for Aldringham to date.

Last year there were 3 crimes in Thorpeness and 4 in Aldringham within the same period last year.

1 Theft of Pedal Cycle Lakeside Avenue on 4th January, the cycle has since been recovered and returned to owner.

1 Criminal damage to Beach Hut, Thorpeness between 4th January and 6th January damage has been caused to the beach hut. No suspects have been identified. Regular damage does occur to the beach hut and PSCO 3111 Terry Barrow is currently liaising with the owner.

Next Priority Meetings

Leiston Community Centre - 12th February 2013

Aldeburgh Community Centre - 13th February 2013

c) COASTAL PROTECTION - MR MIKE CHANDLER

2010 Erosion response

Completion works start 18th February 2013

Shoreline Management Plan

S.C.D.C. process continues.

d) SIZEWELL NUCLEAR SITE

Mike attended the Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group Meeting on 23rd January 2013.

Coastal processes liaison arrangements agreed

Sizewell C Consultation

Response submitted and is being made available on the parish website.

EMERGENCY PLANNING ZONES

Mr Graham Saward outlined proposals for a 3-5 km detailed Emergency Planning Zone and a 15km Precautionary Emergency Planning Zone around Sizewell B (as detailed in his presentation).

The aim is to avoid a boundary which splits communities.

Later in the meeting the Parish Council voted to seek a boundary which would not include the villages of Aldringham & Thorpeness. The Parish Council will set out its case consultation response.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A. PARISH ACTION PLAN

Village Sign - Thorpeness

Mrs Allport had written to Pegg & Sons a while ago asking them if they could give a quotation for refurbishing the Village sign and still has not received a reply. Mr D. Mayhew and T. J. Haworth offered to chase this.

B. VILLAGE REVIEW - FOLLOW UP

The Chairman will contact Gillian Benjamin from Suffolk Acre to ask if she is available to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 11th March 2013.

It is hoped that some of the volunteers who put their names forward on the Village Review Evening (2nd November 2012) will attend the APM and arrange a meeting to take action and form small groups to move things forward.

7. PLANNING

C13/0129 Arch House, Aldeburgh Road, Aldringham Erection of a single-storey extension on rear linking house with garage and garage conversion to provide additional reception rooms and study for family and private use, support this application.

C13/0098 Broadwater, 19 Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness Proposed removal of existing prefabricated garage and replacement with new including new pitched roof over existing carport, do not support this application.

C13/0099 Broadwater, 19 Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness Removal of existing prefabricated garage and replacement with new including new pitched roof over existing carport, do not support this application.

C12/2564 Mill House, Uplands Road, Thorpeness Application for new planning permission to replace extant planning permission for erection of rear extension, alterations and additions to facilitate loft conversion and erection of shed, support this application.

C13/0136 Thorpeness Sports & Social Club, Thorpeness Variation Conditions of Planning Permission C11/2848 (Variation of condition 2,3,4,6 & 7), support this application.

C12/1718/1 Bay Tree House, The Sanctuary, Thorpeness Erection of a part glazed Garden Room to the rear of the existing detached 2 storey house
No Material Amendment - The approval granted to use reconstituted slate, in grey, as the roof material of grey GRP tiles.

Suffolk Coastal District Council approved the following:-

C12/2342 Hawthorns, Aldeburgh Road, Aldringham PV Solar panels in garden.

C12/2333 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.

C12/2367 1 & 2 Church Lane, Aldringham Demolition of a pair of cottages, erection of a single dwelling.

8. FINANCE

BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUNT	£15843.09
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	£719.54
TO PAY	
Clerk's SALARY £501.00 + £5.00 travel	
£22.70 postage/telephone (includes £12.00	
Cartridge pack)	£528.70
Leiston Press Newsletter	£230.00

Coastal Building Supplies		
£10.96 + £2.19 VAT	£13.15	
£16.44 + £3.29 VAT	£19.73	£32.88
Chairman Allowance Mr E. Atkinson		£50.00
DONATION		
St Andrews Church Churchyard Maintenance		£400.00
Proposed Mr D Mayhew, seconded Mr S. Squirrell		
Transfer £1500.00 from BSA to CA		
All agreed - proposed Mrs Allport seconded Mr Pilcher.		

9. CORRESPONDENCE & NEW ITEMS

- A. Age Concern - Information for the over 60's Poster been displayed.
- B. East of England Co-operative Community Access Defibrillators are offering to supply a defibrillator to be located in Thorpeness.
- C. Suffolk Warm Homes Healthy People - Poster to be displayed.
- D. Parish Councillor vacancy, following the correct procedure required to fill this vacancy, an advertisement will displayed in the notice boards for a period of 4 weeks, any wishing to apply within that time, will do so in writing to the Parish Council.

DISTRIBUTION

Age Concern
Suffolk Acre Update
The Great Flood of 1953

10. COUNCILLORS ROUNDUP

11. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2013
SAME TIME and SAME PLACE

Signed

Chairman

15TH APRIL 2013