

**ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF  
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE  
HELD ON 13TH MAY 2013 - 7.00 P.M.  
at THE TOWER ROOM, THORPENESS**

**THE MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**1 PARISHIONER, S.C.C. COUNCILLOR RICHARD SMITH & LOCAL  
POLICE**

***PARISHIONERS FORUM - 10 MINUTE ALLOCATION***

*Parishioners reported on the bus service changes that are due to be made on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013, this will mean a reduction is being made to the number of buses to and from the parish.*

*Councillor Richard Smith has been informed of these problems.*

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Mr Eric Atkinson, proposed by Mr S. Squirrell, seconded by Mr Chandler  
- accepted.

**2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Mr David Mayhew proposed by Mr S. Squirrell, seconded by Mr Pilcher - accepted.

**3. APOLOGIES**

SCDC Councillors T. J. Haworth and Marianne Fellowes

**4. COOPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR**

It was proposed by Mr Atkinson, seconded by Mrs Allport that Mrs Maureen Jones be co-opted onto the Parish Council, this was carried and Mrs Jones joined the meeting.

**5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 15<sup>TH</sup> April 2013 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**7. REPORTS**

a) LOCAL POLICE (change of order on the Agenda)

There was 1 crime recorded in Thorpeness and Aldringham during April 2013 compared to the 1 recorded in Thorpeness and 1 recorded in Aldringham in same period last year.

Theft of diesel Oil from tank on remote farm, Church Lane between 20<sup>th</sup> February and 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013 Value £742.00

Leiston and Aldeburgh Priorities

March 2013

To target the area of Crag Path in Aldeburgh particularly the fishermen's Huts.

Target speeding in Leiston and explore traffic calming measures in Valley Road.

To tackle vehicles speeding along B1122 between North Warren and the 30 mph zone at Aldeburgh

Next Priority Meetings

Leiston - 7 pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at Community Centre, King George's Avenue, Leiston.

Aldeburgh - 7 pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at Community Centre, Aldeburgh.

**The safer Neighbourhood Team Fun Day will be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May at Kings Field, Aldeburgh 12 pm - 4 pm**

b) SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCILLORS TJ HAWORTH & MARRIANNE FELLOWES

Council Tax was frozen for the 3rd year and according to the Halifax Rural Areas Quality of Life Survey (3/13) Suffolk Coastal is in the top twenty of local authorities, the Suffolk Coastal/Waveney shared services are the most advanced and successful joint arrangements anywhere in England.

Homelessness is well managed with little or no use of B&B. In the last quarter, 358 people sought housing advice and 205 of those cases the action taken meant that the applicants were able to remain in their home, the 153 were helped to obtain alternative accommodation.

We have agreed to contribute £100K from the New Homes Bonus towards encouraging business and economic growth and also for reducing the number of empty properties within the district. Empty properties remain high on our agenda and our private sector housing team continue to work hard to remove properties from the list. 2<sup>nd</sup> home owners now pay 100% of their council tax.

The vast majority of our 1100 food businesses are currently in the top two ratings of the food and hygiene scheme and we are continuing to look at ways to deliver services better.

Within the councils over 12 apprenticeships have been taken over the last 12 months, giving young people a good standard for future employment.

**Town Team Initiative workshop**

Short Notice - apologies as I have only just been able to read about the Town Initiative Workshop - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at Trinity Park Ipswich.

Suffolk Coastal are hosting an event designed to boost towns throughout the district. Town Team Initiative workshops have been running around the country over the last six months, helping towns get a better understanding of how they can implement the type of initiatives recommended in the Mary Portas Review, a review in of the future of our British high streets.

**Council size - Electoral Review**

The six-week public consultation began on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, asking for views on proposals which would see Suffolk Coastal Council represented by 43 Councillors in future.

In January 2012 the Council agreed that a review should be undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to establish whether the current total of 55 councillors should be reduced.

If you do not agree, we want you to tell us your alternative and why you think there should be more, or fewer, member of the council for the future.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

It is agreed at the cabinet meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> May that SCDC would establish dedicated neighbourhood planning resources team to assist those that pursuing neighbourhood plans.

**Local People** will need to decide how they want to work together.

**Preparing the plan** Local people will need to pull together and prioritise their early ideas, and draw up their plans.

A workshop will be held at Trinity Park, Felixstowe Road, Ipswich. For further details on how to book and the event programme please follow this link

<http://towns.org.uk/2013/03/12/town-team-initiative-workshop-ipswich-suffolk>.

**The East Coast Carbon Efficiency project** was designed to offer eligible small and medium sized enterprises in Suffolk Coastal and rural Waveney the opportunity to reduce their resource consumption, access finance and gain recognition for their carbon reduction efforts through a country-wide accreditation scheme.

### **Affordable Housing**

A total of 64 new affordable homes have been completed in the current financial year with a further 309 affordable homes in the development pipeline.

**Suffolk Warm Homes** Project continues to deliver a very good programme of work to some of the most vulnerable households and the number of interventions for 2012/13 stands at around 800.

May I also take this opportunity to thank Mr Mike Chandler for his advise on the coastal matters recently, it was very much appreciated.

## SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR RICHARD SMITH

Congratulations were made to Councillor Richard Smith for being re-elected to serve for another four years and also for joining the Cabinet at Suffolk County Council.

He reported that he would be looking into and working on a scheme, costs etc., with Mr Derek Oldham from the Highways Department to see how improvements could be made along Aldringham Lane, Aldringham.

### c) COASTAL PROTECTION - MR MIKE CHANDLER

SMP documentation is still ongoing.

Mike had visited the beach problem at Aldeburgh with Councillor T.J Haworth and reported that the repair work is scheduled to be carried out in the Autumn, unless there is a need to do any emergency work before then.

### d) SIZEWELL POWER STATIONS

The Chairman and Mrs Jones had recently attended the Sizewell C Community Forum Meeting where a number of issues were raised which included the Hostel, Park & Ride locations, Lorry Parking, Traffic link road, rail link at Wickham Market and a Jetty.

## **8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **A. PARISH ACTION PLAN**

Village Sign - Thorpeness

The Clerk will contact Pegg & Son to find out the latest on the village sign.

A new Dog bin will be located near to the Village Shop car park, adjacent the Almshouses, this is replacing the one which has been moved further down Old Homes

Road. Positions for the other still to be decided.

ACTION: The Clerk &  
Councillors

The repair work on the three bus shelters is progressing.

## B. VILLAGE REVIEW - FOLLOW UP

Heritage Centre - 15 people attended their first meeting and they are due to meet again on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013.

Coastal Group had also held their first meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.

The voting for the location of the East of England Cooperative Community Access Defibrillator is due to end on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2013. The votes will then be taken to their office in Southwold for the count.

ACTION: Mrs Allport/  
Cooperative Community Team

## Sports Pavilion Thorpeness

The Chairman reported that the Rugby Club no longer wished to manage the Pavilion. Discussion/meetings need to be held concerning the best way forward for the future of the Pavilion, is there a possibility that the community take on the running of this. A meeting is due to be held shortly with the trustees to move this forward. The questionnaires which were sent out and returned have received some positive responses.

## 9. PLANNING

C13/0567 3 The Bays, Thorpeness Proposed extension over existing flat roof to rear of property, support this application

C13/0751 4 The Bays, Thorpeness Demolition of existing single storey structures to the rear and the erection of a single two storey rear and two storey side extension.

Increase the size of the existing garden room, support this application.

C13/0752 4 The Bays, Thorpeness as above Conservation Area Consent, support this application.

C13/0674 Hazelwood Farm, Aldringham Installation of 1 no micro scale wind turbine, support this application.

C13/0848 and C13/0849/CAC Mallards, 4 Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of two storey dwelling (resubmission of previously withdrawn application No C12/2030 - support this, but would like to see conditions applied to this application. 1. The building line is maintained. 2. Roof height to be the same as adjacent properties.

### **Suffolk Coastal District Council approved the following applications:-**

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

C13/0382 22 Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness Erection of single storey extension.

C13/0372 Corners Aldeburgh Road, Thorpeness Proposed alterations and extensions amended scheme to those previously approved (C11/2571, C12/1975 & C12/2445).

C13/0425 4 The Sanctuary, Thorpeness, Rear Conservatory

## 10. FINANCE

BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUNT

£17845.05 \*

\* includes interest £1.96

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT  
TO PAY

£638.51

AON Insurance the Clerk will speak with them concerning the renewal quotation.

Proposed Mr Squirrell, seconded Mr Pilcher  
Transfer £1500.00 from BPA to CA

#### **11. CORRESPONDENCE & NEW ITEMS**

A. Country Crimes Fighters Award 2013 NFU are inviting you to visit their website and tell in 300 words or less why someone you know deserves to be recognised for their impact on crime and win this accolade

<http://www.nfumutual.co.uk/farming/initiatives/country-crime-fighters/>

Entries to be received by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013.

B. Suffolk Flood Risk Management Partnership information - distribution

C. S.C.D.C. Proposed Neighbourhood Area - Leiston Town Council information on their designated Neighbourhood Area A copy of the submission is available for viewing on [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning/leiston/](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning/leiston/).

D. Service Veteran or Ex- Forces Garden Party is to be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at Elmhurst Park Woodbridge.

E. The Government Boundary Commission Electoral Review of Suffolk How Many Councillors, Tell them what you think, Have your say Find out more about the review at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk). Have your say directly at [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk) by 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013.

F. Grants Team News - April 2013 For funding information on funding please visit the website [www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk](http://www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk) Alternatively contact Sue Wright on 01473 786917

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

SALC information

#### **12. COUNCILLORS ROUNDUP**

#### **13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013**

Signed

CHAIRMAN

17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013