

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF  
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE  
HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013 - 7.00 P.M.  
at THE TOWER ROOM, THORPENESS  
THE MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

**MR E. ATKINSON (CHAIRMAN), MRS V. ALLPORT, MR M.CHANDLER,  
MS L MANGEOT, MR D. MAYHEW, MR M PILCHER, MRS P MCLARDY,  
& MR S. SQUIRRELL**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**SCC COUNCILLOR RICHARD SMITH, SCC BOB CLENCH,  
& SCDC COUNCILLOR T. J HAWORTH**

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

*No Parishioners present.*

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mrs M Jones, SCDC Councillor Marianne Fellowes & Local Police

**2. MR BOB CLENCH Suffolk County Council**

Mr Clench attended the meeting for discussion on the problem areas along Aldringham Lane. Mr Squirrell had recently met with him where they viewed and discussed the exposed gullies and damaged verges. He presented photographs of the areas and explained four different options of repair works. All four options would be very costly and he explained that SCC would not be able to provide any funding towards the work.

It was decided that Mr Clench would look into another option that would be to lower the exposed kerb outlets and the possibility of placing some bollards to protect the grass verges.

The Chairman and Mr Clench have arranged a meeting for 20th August 2013 for talks on the problems that still remain outstanding in Thorpeness.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**5. REPORTS**

**a) SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL RICHARD SMITH**

He reported that they are currently working on ways to make savings on the 2014 budget. If necessary he offered to assist with the cost of the work along Aldringham Lane by using his Locality Funding Budget for this year and the remainder carried over from last year.

**b) SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT**

COUNCILLOR - T. J. HAWORTH

**Have your say on new ward boundaries**

The major review of the structure of Suffolk Coastal District Council has now taken another step forward.

Following public consultation, the Boundary Commission has agreed with Suffolk Coastal D.C. recommendation that the size of the council should be reduced to 43 councillors - 12 fewer than it has currently.

On the 23 July 2013, the Boundary Commission launched a further round of public consultation to help it draw up the pattern of Wards that will make up the new Council structure. Suffolk Coastal District Council are urging people to play their part in this process.

Local people have until 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 to submit their views. Further information on the review and interactive maps of the existing wards can be found at [consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk) and [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

**Surf to a career**

Young people in Suffolk are being given the opportunity to 'surf' their way to a career- thanks to a new on-line service.

Working partnership, Suffolk Coastal District Council and Waveney District Council are investing more than £60,000 over the next years to introduce the U-Explore system into schools and educational establishments across East Suffolk.

Some 1,600 businesses across East Suffolk have already opted to become part of the platform which, at its heart has a power search engine allowing students and businesses to easily access and update information.

**Have your say on Conservation Areas**

We want your views on how local areas of architectural or historical interest that should be protected, in a three month long public consultation now underway. The final five are now being considered. The draft documents, which the Council is seeking comments on, cover areas in Aldeburgh, Dunwich, Framlingham, Snape Maltings and Walberswick.

We would like the public to take part in the appraisal process. The appraisals can be viewed on our website and printed copies are available on request from the Design and Conservation Service on 01394 444646 or email [conservation@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:conservation@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk)

**LDF Core Strategy - update Council formally adopts Core Strategy as Planning Policy**

An extraordinary Full Council meeting was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2013 @ 2 pm. Full Council considered and adopted of the Suffolk Coastal Core Strategy and Development Policies document.

The Core Strategy is the principal document in Suffolk Coastal District Council Local Development Framework (LDF) that sets out a vision, spatial strategy and core policies to guide development and change in the district to 2007 and beyond.

**Homelessness Strategy**

We are required to produce a 5 year strategy and after consultations with other partners it is available on line to view.

Our staff are continuing to work hard and at present we do not have the numbers in temporary accommodation and B&B's like some other authorities although we have seen an increase, it is being managed. As at 30<sup>th</sup> June we do not have any households in B&B.

### **Empty Properties**

Work is continuing to get the number of empty properties down ready for our data for the 16<sup>th</sup> October. The second round of letters went out and other work will continue with staff going out to talk to the owners.

### **New Homes**

Work is continuing to deliver more affordable homes. The 5 new homes in Aldeburgh were officially opened by our Chairman in May and 36 new homes were available for letting during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. There are about 300 new in the current confirmed pipeline with others expected.

**New planning application search now live. The planning page on the website has changed a little** we have moved over to the new and improved system for searching tracking and commenting on planning applications with our shared services partner Waveney District Council.

Initially only new applications will be available on the new shared public access system so Suffolk Coastal District Council current quick search will remain in use until all existing data has been moved over to the new system.

### c) COASTAL PROTECTION - MR MIKE CHANDLER Shoreline Management Plan

The draft revision of SMP7 for Thorpeness which I sent to SCDC on 27<sup>th</sup> May was reviewed at a meeting with Bill Parker on 8<sup>th</sup> July prior to discussion at the SMP meeting with Environment Agency and NE on 10<sup>th</sup> July and the next SCF forum meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

The revision is based on Environment Agency National Framework 'A Change process for Shoreline Management Plans in England' 2012. This framework covers the criteria for change but not the way in which changes are to be incorporated into the SMP documentation. This comprises 7 policy development zone folders, of which 2 are affected in our case, 8 individual section folders, and 12 appendix folders involving cross references and inconsistencies all totalling 683MB. Thorpeness is the first case for revision and it has been necessary to devise a format to incorporate the change of policy and decide on the extent of adjustments to the associated texts.

It is important that month by month coastal impacts do not undermine confidence in the medium term changes sought. It will be appropriate for SCDC to share the outcome with the community prior to final sign off. The next working meeting with SCDC is scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

### Thorpeness Erosion Response Work

The Thorpeness Erosion Response work was awarded Merit in the Institution of Civil Engineers East of England Merit Awards for Team Achievement.

A significant volume of the material accreted during 2012 has been eroded from the whole Thorpeness frontage (and elsewhere) during the wave climate which has prevailed for much of the attack but not storm conditions. The defence was expected to be sacrificial, but to the extent of not undermining structural integrity over several erosion cycles. Concerns about durability against wave attack were raised by the community during design and construction, which, for Phase 2, was undertaken by SCDC's consultant and contractor.

Issues have been identified, but not yet resolved, regarding composition of fill material, under filling, appropriateness of slope angle and suitability of geotextile material for this application. We expect to work with SCDC and the contributor's representative to ensure that the expected value is obtained from the community contribution.

The PC may wish to express a view about the current appearance of the defence and its suitability to provide a coastal footpath.

It is likely that additional strengthening will be required to meet the stated objectives of the scheme and that a budget will be required.

### Coastal futures

The Parish open meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012 identified the need for a more informed understanding of the coastal processes which will determine the future sustainability of the community.

One route to achieving this is the iCOASST project, funded nationally, which includes a 4 year pilot area from Dunwich to Felixstowe. Louise Mangeot and Mike Chandler attended an introductory meeting at SCDC on 26<sup>th</sup> June.

We have already liaised with two iCOASST partners, Environmental Change Institute at Oxford University, and the project lead at Southampton University, suggesting a localised focus on MIN and ALB to understand the emerging meteorological drivers for the morphodynamics of coastal evolution.

We have established the principle of a Thorpeness Coastal Futures Group as a vehicle for financial input and management if required, and as a way of engaging and communicating with residents and property owners. Unfortunately finding resource to support membership and administrative arrangements is proving difficult and the wider community initiative may falter.

The PC may wish to consider whether other 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012 groups have this problem and the further use of help from e.g. Suffolk Acre.

### SCAR

SCAR was attended on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013. Our iCOASST work has been provided to

SCAR and SCDC for information regarding their responses. We have also shared such of the Thorpeness experience as may be helpful to the owners of Bawdsey Manor being careful to avoid disturbing their liaison arrangements with WDC.

#### d) SIZEWELL POWER STATIONS

SSG Subgroup was attended by Maureen Jones on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. On going items included assurance of the integrity of the Sizewell B reactor pressure vessel and arrangements for Sizewell A intermediate level waste.

Suffolk Resilience Forum plan an update on the Sizewell Emergency Planning Zones by the end of July and we need to watch its website regarding the PC's preference for arrangements at Aldringham and Thorpeness.

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

#### A. East of England Co-op Defibrillator

Contact will be made with SCDC agreeing the proposed location for this piece of equipment.

**ACTION:** Parish Council

#### B. PARISH ACTION PLAN

Village Sign - Thorpeness

The Clerk has spoken with Pegg & Sons to remind them that they still have not started the work required on the sign.

**ACTION:** Pegg & Sons

Dog Bins - Mrs Allport read letter received from a Parishioner concerning the location of a dog bin at the bottom of their garden asking if this could be relocated further along the beach. The Clerk reported that she had pick up 3 new dog bins from S.C.D.C. and the locations for these still need to be decided.

#### C. VILLAGE REVIEW - FOLLOW UP

Heritage Group are continuing to meet and they are making arrangements for Oral History sessions with local residents.

Sports Pavilion Thorpeness

The Chairman reported that talks are going on with the Trustees, Mr Robert Horn from Community Action Suffolk and all the Users to move forward in forming a Charitable Organisation to take over the running of a Village Community Hall.

**ACTION:** Trustees, CAS

The Local Users.

### **6. PLANNING**

C13/1235 Part rear Garden, The Turret House, 6 Westgate, Thorpeness Severance Plot development, Proposed garage conversion with an extension to form new dwelling, as with the previous application - do not support .

C13/1164 Corners, Aldeburgh Road, Thorpeness Proposed alterations and extensions to property, amended scheme to those previously approved under C11/2571, C12/1975, C12/2445 & C13/0372 - revisions proposed Lean-to roof changed from pantiles to slate; Pitched roof in lieu of flat roof; High level gable glazing; Flue pipe in lieu of chimney, support this application.

C13/1025 Meare House, Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness Balcony extension, alterations and replacement of existing windows, support this application.

C13/1183 Black Timbers, 6 Old Homes Road, Thorpeness Erection of a new two-bedroom dwelling (Amended scheme to C12/1389 - change to proposed

materials), support this application.

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

C13/0857 4 The Sanctuary, Thorpeness To erect a pvcu and brick panoramic extension to the rear of the property

C13/0931 Riverwood, Gipsy Lane, Aldringham Proposed rear single storey extension to existing detached bungalow.

C13/0846 1 & 2 Forge Cottages, Thorpe Road, Aldringham granted Certificate of lawfulness of existing use as residential dwelling houses within Class C3(a).

S.C.D.C. Local Plan Core Strategy & Development Management Policies can be viewed <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/>

SCDC Invitation to Briefing Session Post Adoption of Core Strategy

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 14.30 pm - 16.00 pm

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 19.00 pm - 20.30 pm

**8. FINANCE**

BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUNT £14847.00 \*

\* includes interest 4 Mar - 2 Jun 1.95

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT £1254.33

**TO PAY**

Suffolk County Council - Thorpeness Warning

Signs £638.47

Proposed Mr Squirrell, seconded Mr Pilcher

**9. CORRESPONDENCE & NEW ITEMS**

A. Endeavour Card new initiative from Suffolk County Council that will benefit young people in your area. The aim is to agree a unified discount of 25% off the standard single adult fare for all young people up to including the age of 19 who hold a card. Further information <http://www.suffolkonboard.com/endeavour-card>

B. Community Action Suffolk Newsletter - distribution

C. Letter from a parishioner of the Ogilvie Almshouses, Church Road, Aldringham asking if the Parish Council could assist with a contribution towards a new greenhouse. Unfortunately the Parish Council are not able to support as this would only be beneficial to a small number of parishioners in parish.

**DISTRIBUTION**

Marie Curie Cancer Care

SCC Revised Bus Service, St Elizabeth News

**10. COUNCILLORS ROUNDUP**

**11. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013**

**Signed**  
**9<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**Chairman**