

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 10TH MARCH 2014
THE TOWER ROOM, THORPENESS**

MINUTES

PRESENT: THE CHAIRMAN, 6 COUNCILLORS, 7 PARISHIONERS & GUEST SPEAKERS

1. APOLOGIES: MR S SQUIRRELL, MS L MANGEOT, MR D MAYHEW & MR M LASCHET

2. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 11th March 2013 were approved and signed.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Another year has gone by since we last got together to share an update across the parish, and nearly 18 months since we held our open consultation evening. Although it may appear that things move very slowly in our rural communities that is not necessarily a bad thing and progress has been made in a number of areas. So this evening in addition to receiving our normal reports and updates, we will give an update and where appropriate identify the next steps on a number of the initiatives that are currently in progress.

However this should not make my report a lengthy affair as others will cover many of the items in more detail. Including;- Coastal Protection, The Pavilion and Sports Field and the Heritage Group.

Our Precept for 2014/15 will be held at £7000.00

PLANNING

As always planning applications continue to occupy a lot of council time with over 37 applications being considered over the past year, 33 were supported by the Parish Council and 4 were not supported because we believed the design and/or scale of the proposed developments were not appropriate for their location.

There has been no single significant application this year.

We have seen Barn Hall coming to a completion and the conversion of The Ogilvie Hall to five dwellings is nearing completion, it will be good to see all the work complete and the disruption in the village come to an end. which following consultation was approved towards the end of last year.

SIZEWELL

The Phase 1 Consultation process for Sizewell C was completed at the beginning of 2013 and we continue to be involved in all ongoing discussions about The New Build.

We responded to the consultation on the proposed changes to the Emergency Planning Zone with regard to the Sizewell Nuclear Site last April saying that we would in the case of both our villages not wish to see them split by the boundary.

We are still awaiting the final outcome. (Thanks to Mike Chandler for his efforts in this area).

I would also like to mention a few more activities of the year:

- a) As always traffic management still remains an issue in both Aldringham and Thorpeness.

However we have had a further review of traffic management in Thorpeness with the County Highways and the parking restrictions scheme now going through the consultation process.

Work has been carried out on Aldringham Lane to protect the footpath and lower the curbs that were a safety hazard at the side of the carriageway. Unfortunately we could not persuade County to carry out more extensive work including road widening.

Warning signage and road roundels have been placed at Thorpeness Halt to warn motorists of the crossing and to slow down.

The faded 30 mph signs have been replaced as you enter Aldringham coming from Thorpeness.

- b) Communication within the Parish is still a focus for improvement. Our Parish WEB site continues to grow from strength to strength (thanks to Louise Chadwick) I would encourage you all to make use of it and add information where appropriate. Unfortunately Christine Laschet felt it was time to step down as Editor of our twice yearly newsletter, and at present we have not found a replacement, although we are hoping to keep it going. (Many thanks to Christine who has produced the last 10 editions and developed it's format over the last 5 years.
- c) Suffolk Coastal District Council are looking to reduce its number of Councillors to 43 in the district and are also reviewing their future accommodation needs.
- d) The bus shelters at Aldringham and Sizewell have finally been repaired, although we do appear to have acquired an old vehicle bench seat in one of the bus shelters at the Aldringham crossroads.

- e) The East of England Co-operative Society who are currently running a scheme to provide Community Access Defibrillators to a number of Communities in Suffolk, selected Thorpeness to receive one. Following a ballot to determine the preferred location, the Boathouse was chosen and after some delay we hope the defibrillator should be installed soon.
- f) We have started work on a Parish Emergency Plan which we hope will be completed this year.
- g) We sadly lost both John Hurn and John Shreeve last year both having served on the Council many years and gave a great deal of their time supporting the community. The casual vacancies were filled by Maureen Jones and Louise Mangeot both from Thorpeness

Finally I would like to thank all who have contributed time and effort in helping to improve the Parish with events such as the beach clean, the village fete, carols around the Christmas trees and many other activities that are carried out with little recognition, but are very important to sustaining our community. I would especially like to thank my fellow councillors for all they do for the Parish and on their behalf I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Shirley for all the work she does behind the scenes.

6. REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

- A. ST ANDREWS CHURCH - REV'D SHELIA HART
- B. SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL -
COUNCILLOR MARIANNE FELLOWES & T. J. HAWORTH
- C. LOCAL POLICE - PCSO TERRY BARROW
- D. SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR RICHARD SMITH
- E. COASTAL FUTURES GROUP & COASTAL PROTECTION
MR M CHANDLER
- F. HERITAGE GROUP - MRS V ALLPORT
- G. COLDFAIR GREEN SCHOOL
- H. TRUSTEES OF SPORTS FIELD, PAVILION & THE ALMSHOUSES
MR M. TRAPP
- I. GOODNEIGHBOUR SCHEME - MRS P. MCLARDY

7. MEETING OPEN FOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Signed
MARCH 2015

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CHAIRMAN

