

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF  
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE  
HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014  
THE TOWER ROOM, THORPENESS**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

**MR E ATKINSON, MRS V ALLPORT, MR M CHANDLER, MRS M JONES, MS L MANGEOT,  
MRS P MCLARDY & MR S SQUIRRELL**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**SCDC COUNCILLORS FELLOWES & T- J HAWORTH, PCSO TERRY BARROW &  
MR BOB CLENCH from SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL**

***PARISHIONERS FORUM – 10 MINUTE ALLOCATION***

*No Parishioners present*

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mr D. Mayhew, Mr M Pilcher, S.C.C. Councillor Richard Smith

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**3. MINUTES**

Minutes of the last meeting signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**4. REPORTS**

a) SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCILLOR RICHARD SMITH sent his apologies.

SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL- COUNCILLORS - T.J HAWORTH &  
MARRIANNE FELLOWES

**Ban of Sky Lanterns/Balloon Release**

As you may have seen in the media, SCDC'S Cabinet recently received widespread public support after it voted unanimously to ban the mass release of balloons and sky lanterns from our land.

The ban will be included within the terms for leasing Suffolk Coastal land in the future. Other Councils across the country already have bans in place and it is hoped that many others will follow suit.

**Individual Electoral Registration (IER) is here!**

The new system for registering to vote was introduced this week (from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June). Individual Electoral Registration (IER) means every individual will be responsible for their own registration instead of using a household form to register to vote.

This is the biggest change to how people register to vote in almost a hundred years but most people on the current register will be automatically transferred to the IER register without having to do anything.

The Government is introducing IER will make registering to vote safer and more convenient. Instead of using a household form to register to vote, everyone will take individual responsibility for their own registration.

In order to apply, a person will need to provide their National Insurance Number and date of birth. With IER, for the first time, people will also be able to register online. IER will make registering to vote safer and more convenient.

From June (or September in Scotland) any new application to register will be made individually. It can be made online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) or on a paper form.

**Suffolk Coastal Disability Forum –** Suffolk Coastal Disability Forum provides a place where everyone who wants to make a difference to the lives of disabled people in the Suffolk Coastal area can meet, be involved, and have their say.

Various groups and individuals who are active in this area receive an invitation to meetings – but they are open to everyone who has an interest in disability issues.

Recent meeting included discussions with representatives from Greater Anglia, Ipswich Buses, Community Transport, and taxi licensing in Suffolk Coastal.

There were lively exchanges on such issues as:

- Bus routes and accessible buses;
- Wheelchairs and pushchairs on buses;
- Talking buses;
- Access to trains – and even the London Underground;
- Dial-a-Ride services and accessible taxis;
- Transport to hospitals.

The next meeting will debate the transport difficulties of disabled people, including discussions with representatives from Suffolk County Council, and also look at issues regarding parking for Blue Badge holders in Supermarket car parks – a hot topic indeed with representatives of Tesco's at Martlesham attending.

The next meeting is at 1pm on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, in the Council Chamber, Suffolk Coastal District Council Offices, Melton Hill, Woodbridge. For further information please contact Councillor Margaret Morris 01394 274345 [margaretamorris@hotmail.com](mailto:margaretamorris@hotmail.com)

### **Benefit Fraud**

As you may have also read or seen in the media last week a former Martlesham Heath woman has pleaded guilty to a string of benefit frauds, lasting well over a decade, which netted her over £140,000.

The woman who had previously pleaded guilty to 9 offences, appeared before Ipswich Crown Court on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and was given an 18 month suspended prison sentence, suspended for 2 years, and a six-month curfew (to run between 7pm and 6 pm). She will also have to repay all the money she obtained through her dishonesty.

A joint investigation was launched between Suffolk Coastal's Corporate Counter-Fraud Unit and Department for Work and Pensions investigators, which resulted in her homes being raided by Essex Police – and evidence seized, including film and photographs of her enjoying an active life and holidaying abroad.

Suffolk Coastal runs a 24 hour Fraud Hotline for people to call confidentially and report suspected benefit fraudster – call **01394 444444** [fraud.investigation@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:fraud.investigation@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk)

### **Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule**

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a new standard charge which local authorities in England and Wales can charge on most types of new development in their area. The funds collected through CIL will be used to help fund the infrastructure needed to support the development planned in the Suffolk Coastal District Local Plan.

Currently the Council collects contributions from developers through Section 106 planning obligations. These contributions help deliver improvements to infrastructure such as open space, schools and transport works. The consultation documents and comments forms can be found on the Council's website at: [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/planning/cil](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/planning/cil) and [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/planning/sci](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/planning/sci)

### **Have you say on Conservation plans**

Local people are being asked to have their say on the plans to help conserve six areas within Suffolk Coastal.

The draft conservation area appraisals for Bramfield, Easton, Great Glemham, Leiston, Marlesford and Snape Maltings are now available for comment.

There are currently thirty-four conservation areas in the Suffolk Coastal District. Conservation areas are defined as 'areas of special architectural or historic interest the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance'.

The conservation area appraisals identify the particular features which justify its status and include:

- a definition of the special character of the conservation area through its Special qualities, such as layout, uses, architecture, setting, open spaces, topography and archaeology.
  - an analysis of the area's history, development and current status
  - a guide to managing future changes
- The purpose of the appraisals is to define the conservation areas' character and appearance, while providing guidance for managing future change in the area for the benefit of occupiers.

The documents provide useful planning guidance for those who want to promote change, as well as the planning department and councillors. The draft appraisals will replace the existing ones for Bramfield, Easton, Great Glemham and Marlesford that date from 1999 and Leiston that dates from 2002.

The draft appraisals can be viewed at [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/conservationappraisals](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/conservationappraisals)

The closing date for comments is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014

### **Leisure Review**

In recent months, we have been consulting with local people to develop a draft strategy for how we deliver our services to help improve the health, wellbeing and fitness of our communities.

If you have not done so already, to take part in this process and have your say please complete the [short online questionnaire](#) (smart phone accessible). The survey will close at midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

### **Thousands of businesses to get support via new growth hub**

Free face-to-face business support, an online information portal and telephone helpline will be available across the region as the New Anglia Growth Hub was launched on May 29<sup>th</sup> 2014.

The Growth Hub portal, providing national and local business support can be found at [www.newangliagrowthhub.co.uk](http://www.newangliagrowthhub.co.uk)

### **New Council Chairman elected**

Our best wishes and congratulations go to Councillor Bob Snell who officially became the district's first citizen, when he was elected as Chairman of Suffolk Coastal Council at its Annual Meeting on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

#### b) LOCAL POLICE

There was 0 crime recorded for Thorpeness and 1 crime for Aldringham during May 2014 compared to 0 crimes in Thorpeness and 1 recorded in same period last year.

Domestic – non crime

### **Leiston and Aldeburgh Priorities**

- **Leiston Youth Priority** – to reduce the littering on parks at Victory Road and King George's Avenue Leiston Working with partner agencies to make the parks a safer environment for young people to enjoy.
- **Leiston** – To target illegal parking in all areas of the town. Priority being given to single and double yellow lines and also obstruction to footpaths.
- **Aldeburgh** - To target Anti-Social Behaviour in the town over the Summer months focusing on the sea front and High Street areas.

To target dog fouling in the areas of Kings Field, Kemps Field and Linden Road.

The next Priority Setting Meetings will be at

LEISTON – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2014 – 7 pm Community Centre, King George's Avenue, Leiston

ALDEBURGH – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2014– 7 pm Kings Field Community Centre, Aldeburgh

E-mail [Leistonaldeburgh.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Leistonaldeburgh.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

#### c) COASTAL PROTECTION

Mike Chandler reported that work continues to go on, and that there is nothing further to report at this present time.

d) Mr Bob Clench from Suffolk County Council came along to the meeting to discuss the latest concerning the proposed 'No Waiting' Restrictions TRO for The Haven and Whinlands, Thorpeness. An informal consultation letter drop was made to local residents and local businesses/organisations that would be most impacted by the proposals. It was agreed that The Chairman, two Councillors and Mr Clench arrange a further meeting to discuss the proposals.

There is no road marking indicating that there is a BUS STOP near the new housing (Ogilvie Hall). This will be reported to Suffolk County Council for their action.

ACTION: Mr Clench & Councillors

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

### **A. PARISH ACTIONS**

## DEFIBRILATOR for THORPENESS

As there has been no news concerning the equipment the Clerk will contact Suffolk Coastal District Council.

ACTION: The Clerk

## B) GROUP ACTIONS

### HERITAGE GROUP

Mrs Allport reported that arrangements are being made for The Vintage Silent Movies Evening which is to be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at The Golf Club, Thorpeness

### SPORTS PAVILION

No actions to report.

## EMERGENCY PLAN FOR THE PARISH

Following from the 9<sup>th</sup> June meeting Mrs Allport reported that she will make the necessary changes to the draft document. Mr Squirrell and Mayhew will look into matters relating to Aldringham.

ACTION: Mrs Allport/Councillors

## 6. PLANNING

DC/14/0663/ROC Removal of condition 7 Planning Permission C11/0891 to allow annexe building for holiday let, support this application.

DC/14/1588 Erection of single storey rear extension and two storey side extension (side extension involves rebuilding and extension) French windows in rear elevation, 2 Whinlands, Thorpeness, support this application.

DC/14/1493/FUL Replacement garage, Mallards, 4 Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness support this application.

DC/14/0878/FUL Seadune, North End Avenue, Thorpeness support this application

DC/14/1581/FUL 7 Shellpit Cottages, Aldringham support this application.

DC/14/1403/FUL Swiss Cottage, Aldeburgh Road, Aldringham Erection of a single-storey garden building to provide 2 new lettable bed and breakfast rooms, support this application. Suffolk Coastal District Council Community Infrastructure Levy and the Statement of Community Involvement - CIL is a new standard charge which local authorities in England and Wales can charge on most types of new development. The standard charge will allow money raised help fund the necessary infrastructure needed to support the development planned in the Core Strategy.

## 7. FINANCE

BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUJNT	£16896.61
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	£455.56
TO PAY	
Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group	£30.00
Barnes Rosher £14.83 + £2.97 Vat =	£17.80
Clerks Salary £505.00 + £5.00 travel +	
Postage/ telephone £26.15 =	£536.15
Community Action Suffolk	£30.00
Transfer £1000.00 from BSA to CA	

All agreed – proposed Mr Squirrell, seconded Mrs Allport

Annual Return for Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014  
Agreed by Council and signed by Chairman  
and the Clerk

**8. CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW ITEMS**

S.C.D.C. Inviting teams for the Suffolk Inter – Village Rounders Tournament which is to be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

**DISTRIBUTION**

LCR Summer 2014  
SALC information

**9. COUNCILLORS ROUNDUP**

A. It was agreed to obtain A quotation for the installation of extra lighting at the bottom of Mill Hill, Aldringham will be

**10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014**

**Signed**

**CHAIRMAN**

**28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014**