

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF  
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE  
HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2014  
THE TOWER ROOM, THORPENESS**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

**MR E ATKINSON, MRS M JONES, MR M PILCHER & MR D. MAYHEW,**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCILLOR RICHARD SMITH**

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

*No Parishioners present*

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mrs V. Allport, Mr M Chandler, Ms L Mangeot, Mrs P. McLardy & Mr S. Squirrell,  
S.C.D.C. Councillors T.J Haworth & Marianne Fellowes

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**3. MINUTES**

Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 meeting were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**4. REPORTS**

a) SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCILLOR RICHARD SMITH

Richard report that he had discussed the proposed 'No Waiting' Restrictions TRO for The Haven & The Whinlands with Mr Bob Clench and that he has been advised of why there is a hold up and what is happening to try to resolve this.

Vehicle Activated Signs he advised that he would be able to assist with funding towards these from his Locality Budget Fund.

40 mph limit to reduce speeding along the B1122 this is something that he will review again in his 2015-16 budgeting.

SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL- COUNCILLORS - Marianne Fellowes & T.J Haworth read in their absence.

**New Bin collection arrangements from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

These changes will see collections starting earlier (from 6am) with some residents getting their bins emptied on a different day of the week.

Although your collection day may have changed your basic fortnightly service will remain the same.

### **Government urged not to forget the Coast**

A detailed report into last winter's floods has been welcomed by a leading local politician – who has also issued a plea to the Government not to forget the Coast when it comes to future flood defences.

The all-Party Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) Select Committee issued its report into the Winter Floods 2013-14.

Cllr Andy Smith, Deputy Leader of Suffolk Coastal District Council and Cabinet member with Responsibility for Coastal Management, said "I welcome the report and its recommendations to Government to invest more money into preventing similar problems in the future.

However, my one criticism would be that the report is too focussed on the problems of inland flooding. It does not really address the issues of coastal erosion or direct storm damage to the coast. My plea to Government at this time is 'Don't forget about the coast'! In recent years, we have seen the Environment Agency's funding being seriously reduced, which has hampered its ability to carry out the necessary work to maintain flood defences, including on the coast and our precious estuaries. I ask them to engage fully with the local authorities, who have a grasp of the local needs, to ensure that the right priorities are given to all the areas in need, not just focussed on one aspect.

### **Summer Fun for the Kids**

Apart from Aldeburgh Town Councils excellent Sports Week, Suffolk Coastal has lined up a wide range of activities to keep the district's young people amused, entertained and active during the summer holidays.

A series of workshops are being held in Felixstowe, Rendlesham, Saxmundham and Woodbridge covering animation, cycling, baking and art. New to the summer activities is a Summer Fitness program for 14-16 year olds at Brakenbury Sport Centre in Felixstowe.

Young people wanting to improve their fitness can take part in three sessions per week of activities, such as circuits, bootcamps, core training and indoor cycling.

We are now recruiting for Operation Camouflage. This is a three-day package of activities At Rock Barracks. Recruits must be aged between 8 and 16, and live or go to school in Suffolk Coastal area.

Call the booking line on 01394 444653 to check availability, reserve a space or pay with debit or credit cards.

### **Sign-up for a Healthy Ambitions One Million Steps Challenge**

Healthy Ambitions are hoping to attract even more teams for this year's One Million Steps Challenge.

The Challenge is open to everyone – businesses throughout the region are being encouraged to support their staff as they embark on their daily walks and employees are encouraged to get their family members to join in.

There are many ways to record your steps – using a pedometer, fitness watch or one of the many phone apps which are now available.

Last year a staggering 143,876,510 steps were clocked up by more than 125 teams with many people continuing with their challenge whilst they were on holiday.

There is a lot of useful information about the Challenge on the One Million Steps website and there will be regular updates on Twitter@HealthyAmbition.

### **New team to safeguard Suffolk people**

Organisations responsible for safeguarding vulnerable adults and children in Suffolk are to form a new, single, team to make sure information needed to keep people safe is held, and immediately accessible, in one place.

By the end of the summer, the organisations, including Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Police, Health Services, District and Borough Council Housing Services, Education, Probation and the Youth Offending Service, will have come together to create Suffolk's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).

It comes as the latest figures show that around 1800 safeguarding referrals relating to children and around 2809 adult safeguarding enquiries happen each month in Suffolk. These numbers have increased year on year over the past four years.

Members of the public who are concerned that a child, young person or adult is at risk of abuse, harm or neglect, should still contact Customer First on **0808 800 4005** (free from landlines and most mobiles). Please also see our website for more information or go to [www.suffolk.gov.uk/MASH](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/MASH)

### **Land transfer opens up nature Reserve**

The latest land transfer by Suffolk Coastal will open up a local nature reserve to the public. Suffolk Coastal recently handed over The Haven, near Aldeburgh, to the RSPB. The 15.3 acres strip of land beside the Aldeburgh to Thorpeness Road, neighbours on the North Warren Nature Reserve.

And the RSPB is planning to make full use of the land, which is mainly scrub and grassland, to open up the reserve to more visitors.

### **Enter Now for this year's Suffolk Coast Bike Ride**

This year, Action for Children sponsored charity bike ride is taking place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Starting and finishing at Glemham Hall. 3 scenic routes are available – 35 miles, 60 miles and 100 miles – to meet differing cycling capabilities.

The minimum age for taking part are 12 years on the 35 mile ride, 15 years on the 60 mile ride and 16 years in the 100 mile ride. An entry fee is payable for each rider.

For full information and online entry go to [www.bike-events.co.uk](http://www.bike-events.co.uk)

### **East Anglia Offshore Windfarm consent granted**

Local Councils have welcomed the decision to give the go-ahead for plans for the East Anglia one offshore Windfarm. The project will pump millions of pounds into the economy and create much-needed extra jobs, particularly during the construction stage.

Speaking on behalf of Suffolk Coastal District Council, Cllr Geoff Holdcroft, the Cabinet member with responsibility for Planning, said: "The Secretary of State's decision signals another positive step for east Suffolk in attracting jobs and investment. Throughout this process, we have been supportive of the proposed development, but have also stressed the need to minimise the impact upon our environment. "I am particularly pleased to see the decision also recognises the need to cater for possible future windfarms, allowing for the installation of the additional underground cabling and ducting to create the capacity to link these to the national grid without creating more disruption".

### **Action plan to improve air quality**

An action plan is to be drawn up to combat air pollution on the A12 at Stratford St Andrew. Suffolk Coastal has been monitoring the levels of nitrogen dioxide along the A12 in the vicinity of Farnham, Little Glemham and Stratford St Andrew from 2011 onwards, following concerns about the air quality due to emissions from vehicle exhausts.

The monitoring has shown that levels of nitrogen dioxide are within the Air Quality Objectives at all locations, except for a group of four homes within Stratford St Andrew. Now plans are being drawn up to reduce the pollution and improve the air quality.

“The Action Plan will be produced in conjunction with Suffolk County Council, which is in charge of the A12 trunk road, and will set out what measures are available to help reduce the pollution level within the area”.

Any suggestions that you have to improve the air quality at this location will be welcome and investigated as part of the Action Plan. A copy of the official AQMA Order can be viewed on [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/envprotection/airquality](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/envprotection/airquality)

b) LOCAL POLICE – no report

c) COASTAL PROTECTION – no further action to report.

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

### **A. PARISH ACTIONS**

#### **DOG BINS**

It was suggested that a bin be placed on the Thorpeness Sports & Social Club entrance gate. A bin is also required near the Dolphin Inn/Car Park position to still be decided.

**ACTION:** Parish Council

#### **DEFIBRILATOR for THORPENESS**

No action.

### **B) GROUP ACTIONS**

#### **HERITAGE GROUP**

The Chairman mentioned that the group are looking into providing three Information Boards, suggested locations were The Meare, House in the Clouds and near The Dolphin.

## **6. PLANNING**

DC/14/1686/FUL To erect four raised viewing Platforms on the RSPB'S North Warren reserve. Platforms 5m x 2m and to be raised 1.4m. To create 1.3h of new scrapes at an average depth of 20cm to install nine new water control structures. Go deepen approx 1.475m of field grips by an average depth of 30cm North Warren, Railway Line, Aldeburgh, support this application (reply sent)

DC/14/2015/FUL Proposed addition of single storey Oak Framed Orangery. 11 Chandlers Way, Aldringham support this application.

DC/14/1815/FUL Ground floor addition and creation of first floor terrace and balcony, minor external and internal alteration, Pryor House, Thorpeness, support this application.

DC/14/2022/TCA Avenel. 7 Church Road, Thorpeness To fell large Holly tree in front garden, Tree causing excess shading – Support

Suffolk Coastal District Council Outdoor Playing Space Funding Scheme - An application has been made by Alexander and Margaret Ogilvie Club Charity Thorpeness Sports & Social Club for the sum of £9000.00 from the funding scheme to help fund the repairs that are required to the Sports Pavilion leaking roof. It was agreed to support this application.

## **7. FINANCE**

BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUJNT	£15896.61 *
includes £1.95 interest	
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	£879.41
TO PAY	
Barnes Roshier £14.83 + £2.97 Vat =	£17.80
Orwell Housing Room Hire	£200.00
All agreed – proposed Mr Mayhew, seconded Mr Pilcher	

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW ITEMS**

- A. Individual Electoral Registration – IER passed for distribution
- B. Babergh and Mid Suffolk Rights of Way Services have received an application to divert part of Aldringham Public Footpath 59. Mr Ogilvie has been granted planning permission by Suffolk Coastal District Council for the erection of a two storey side extension and elevation alterations with first floor extension Church Farm, Church Lane, Aldringham. This development will obstruct the footpath, therefore the application has been made to divert the footpath under Section 257 of the Town and County Planning Act 1990. It was agreed to support this diversion.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

J Parker's Wholesale  
Cruse Bereavement Care  
Galloway Coach Travel Limited

## **9. COUNCILLORS ROUNDUP**

## **10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014**

Signed

**CHAIRMAN**

**8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014**