

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
OF ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 2ND MARCH 2015
AT THE TOWER ROOM THORPENESS**

PRESENT: THE CHAIRMAN, 6 COUNCILLORS and GUEST SPEAKERS

1. APOLOGIES

Louise Manageot, Mrs E Tipping & SCDC Councillor T.J.Haworth-Culf

2. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th March 2014 were approved and signed.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Another year has flown by since we last got together to share an update across the parish, and as always although it appear that things move very slowly in our rural communities (which is not always a bad thing) progress has again been made in a number of areas. So this evening I hope we can all share how we are doing.

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

PLANNING

As always planning applications continue to occupy a lot of council time with 41 applications being considered over the last year, 34 were supported by the Parish Council and 7 were not supported because either the design and/or scale of the proposed developments were not appropriate for their location.

There has been no single significant application over the last 12 months. Although we have seen the completion of conversion of The Ogilvie Hall to five dwellings, which are now slowly being sold.

SIZEWELL

The Phase 2 consultation for Sizewell C has been delayed until after the May elections. The Emergency Planning Zone with regard to the Sizewell Nuclear Site has been agreed although some discussion and the distribution of information continues.

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. The informal consultation on the Thorpeness parking restrictions scheme was completed at the beginning of last year and we are now awaiting County Highways to start the formal consultation.

A Traffic Speed warning sign to be shared with Aldeburgh is being provided by our County Councillor Richard Smith. There are to be four locations in Aldringham and Thorpeness which will be used on a rotational basis.

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 we have not found a new editor for ACTS so it was not issued last year. Anyone interested let us know.

We are hoping to make more use of emails in the future and I know a number of Organisations have or are developing email groups which may help in this area.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

c) Suffolk Coastal in their scheme to reduce its number of Councillors to 43 in the district, have grouped Aldeburgh and Aldringham-cum-Thorpe with Knodishall, Friston and Snape where there will only still be two Councillors for the whole group.

They have also announced the move of the Council Offices to Melton opposite the railway station.

d) The East of England Co-operative Society have finally signed the agreement with Suffolk Coastal District Council to fit the Community Access Defibrillator adjacent to the Meare, so watch that space.

e) We started work on a Parish Emergency Plan which we hope will be completed this year.

f) As I am sure you are all aware we sadly lost Val Allport, unexpectedly whilst on one of her regular trips to visit family in Australia. Val was a very active member of the Thorpeness community and has been greatly missed being a hard act to follow.

SUFFOLK COASTAL LOCAL PLAN

We have been in consultation with SCDC on their Site Allocation and Area Specific Policies Document, which looks specifically at the future developments in each parish, as these discussions have progressed we have started to form the opinion that a Neighbourhood Plan may be the way forward for us as a Parish to describe what we envisage for our future and to have a say in the way any developments occurs. To this end we have started to gain an understanding of what a Neighbourhood Plan is and what is required to produce it. It is not an easy task and requires a lot of focused work together with input and consultation with the whole community. If you or anyone you know are interested in getting involved please let me know. We hope to have an exploratory meeting soon.

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. Also the businesses in the Parish who are always very supportive in all we do. I hope we can all continue to work together and grow our community in a way that will ensure we have an enriching and sustainable future.

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.

5. REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

- A. St Andrews Church – Rev'd Sheila Hart
- B. Suffolk Coastal District Council - Councillor Marianne Fellowes
- C. Local Police - PCSO Terry Barrow
- D. Suffolk County Council - Councillor Richard Smith
- E. Coastal Protection - Mr Mike Chandler
- F. Heritage Group - Mr Arthur Day
- G. Coldfair Green School – report read
- H. Trustees of Sports Field & Pavilion – Mr Eric Atkinson
- I. Good Neighbours System - Mrs Pippa McLardy
- J. Thorpeness Tower Room/Residents – Mrs Wendy Sturmeay
- K. Neighbourhood Watch – Mr Bill Crow
- L. Safer Cycling – Mr Mike Laschet
- M. Tea and Toast – Mrs E Tipping

6. MEETING OPENED FOR QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Signed

Date: 7th March 2016