

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE  
HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2015  
THE TOWER ROOM, THORPENESS**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

**MR E ATKINSON, MRS P. MCLARDY, MR S SQUIRRELL**

**MRS M JONES & PCSO DAWN O'KEEFFE**

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

No parishioners present

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mr D Mayhew, Suffolk Coastal District Council - Councillor TJ Haworth-Culf  
& PCSO Terry Barrow

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**3. MINUTES**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were signed as a true record by  
The Chairman.

**4. REPORTS**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR RICHARD SMITH**

Richard apologised for not being able to attend the last meeting this was due to him being  
away in Harrogate.

He reported that again savings have to be made over the next 2 years and that they are  
currently working on the figures, each year it becomes more and more difficult to make cut  
back.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Richard and Mr Colin Noble, Suffolk County Council Leader met and  
they drove through the villages that would be most affected by Sizewell C.

He recently toured round the Great Blakenham waste plant and was very impressed with  
the plant. The incinerator burns non-recyclable waste and the energy that is produced will  
be enough to provide electricity to power 30,000 homes.

**SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR MAUREEN JONES**

This month again has been busy for us T. J. has been dealing with a number of planning  
issues and I along with the leader and deputy leader attended the LGA Conference in  
Harrogate.

**Coastal Revival Fund**

£3 million fund was launched on 17<sup>th</sup> July at Landguard Fort by the Department of  
Communities and Local Government (LG).

This programme supports large and/or longer term projects to help revive heritage assets that are important to local communities but have not yet reached their full economic potential or are facing neglect. Applications are invited from Charities, CCTs, Community Groups and Social Enterprises, Local Authorities; applications must be submitted by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015. If you are interested please contact Helen Johnson 01473 444721 or visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coastal-revival-fund-bidding-prospectus-and-application-form>

### **Brown bins/Organic Waste Collection**

You will no doubt have seen coverage in the media about the issue of charging people for collecting their organic (green) waste.

The current situation in Suffolk is that Babergh and Mid-Suffolk already charge for this service. Ipswich has publicly stated it will not charge and Waveney recently decided it will be charging. Suffolk Coastal and West Suffolk are yet to make a decision.

### **Travellers**

Another issue which has been very much in the media, following a month-long illegal encampment by Travellers on a space in Grange Farm, Kesgrave and a occupation of a car park in Woodbridge.

This is a very sensitive issue, which strongly divides public opinion. However, our role as the Local Authority is clear. There is a protracted legal process we need to follow (working in partnership with the Police and Suffolk County Council) in order to be able to take any action against any illegal encampment.

The case of the Kesgrave encampment, the Welfare Audit – which we are required to carry out by law before we can take any enforcement action, revealed that two of the travellers were receiving hospital treatment. This delayed our ability to take action but, once they were released from hospital, our staff worked quickly to remove the travellers. In fact the travellers vacated the site on the morning that we were due to go to Magistrates Court to get an Order to allow us to remove them.

### **Suffolk Coastal – Getting Fitter**

People across Suffolk Coastal are getting more active, latest figures have revealed. Suffolk Coastal Leisure facilities operated by Places for People Leisure report a 4% increase on participation rates.

The increase has been recorded in swimming, aerobics and gym use across the district's facilities. Appointment and development of a Community Engagement Manager resulted in a substantial increase in health initiatives, such as introducing MyZone, SWIMTAG and the continuation of Under 8's free swimming.

### **Heritage Assets**

Public Consultation was launched at the end of June, in an effort to safeguard the heritage assets in the District. The aim of the consultation is to help provide the public with a set of clearly-defined, coherent and concise criteria to help the council identify non-designated heritage asserts across the district.

Deadline for comments is 17thg August 20125 – they can be submitted to email to [conservation@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:conservation@eastsuffolk.gov.uk) or 01394 444616.

### **Empty homes plea**

A request has been sent out to all owners of empty properties in the District to get in touch and provide up-to-date information about the status of their property. Letters, along with a questionnaire have been sent to owners to encourage them to let the Council know whether their property is occupied or not.

### **New Headquarters**

If you are going past Melton Railway Station you will notice that work is now well underway on Riduna Park (the former Girdlestone site) where Suffolk Coastal's new headquarters will be. The move will reduce running costs in the future, as the current headquarters is becoming increasingly expensive to maintain and run.

### **Pathwatch launched**

Ramblers have launched its biggest ever campaign to survey every right of way shown on the Ordnance Survey maps in England and Wales. Coinciding with the organisation's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Ramblers are asking people everywhere to get involved in the Big Pathwatch and go out and check their local paths.

### **Active Communities Funding Opportunities**

A new fund called Active Communities has been launched by People's Health Trust recently. Community Action Suffolk is supporting People's Health Trust to help organisations in Suffolk apply for this fund.

Grants are between £5,000 and £25,000. To find out if your area is eligible please go to <http://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk/apply-for-funding/healthintend>

#### b) LOCAL POLICE

In July 2015 there was 1 crime reported in Thorpeness compared to 0 reported for the same time period in 2014.

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#### LEISTON and ALDEBURGH PRIORITIES

Speeding motorists on the main roads of Leiston and Aldeburgh

Enforcing parking restrictions in the High Street area of both towns

Drivers using mobile phones

Working with Leiston Town Council and SCC Highways Department to enforce HGV weight limits in the High Street, Main Street and Cross Street areas of Leiston

The next Priority Setting Meetings will be at:

LEISTON – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015 7pm Community Centre, King Georges Avenue.

ALDEBURGH – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015 7 pm Kings Field Community Centre

It was reported that there is overgrown vegetation encroaching the footpath left hand side along the B1122 from Aldringham to Aldeburgh. ACTION: The Clerk

#### c) SIZEWELL POWER STATIONS

##### SIZEWELL C

The Chairman and Councillor Jones reported on the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July at the Riverside Centre Stratford St Andrew.

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

### **A. PARISH ACTIONS**

1) The Defibrillator has been installed and a date for training is still to be fixed.

## B) GROUP ACTIONS

1) Neighbourhood Plan – The Chairman has arranged a meeting with a few of the Thorpeness residents.

ACTION: Parish Council/Residents

## GOOD NEIGHBOURS SYSTEM

2) The Annual Good Neighbours System Garden Party will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at Old Thorpe House, Thorpeness the home of Maureen and Chris Jones.

The Dolphin Inn - Plans are being made to hold a Lunch Club through the Good Neighbours System, parishioners and volunteers will be able to purchase a bargain lunch.

## HERITAGE GROUP

3) The interpretive boards Mrs Jones is dealing with these.

ACTION: Mrs Jones

## 6. PLANNING

DC/15/2474/FUL Erection of first floor extension over existing bathrooms, Tabard House, Remembrance Road, Thorpeness, support this application.

DC/15/1882/FUL Erection of new fence for the temporary period of three years, Ogilvie Hall, Thorpeness, support this application.

DC/15/2417/FUL Use of land for the installation of a marine radar with a 2.4m long rotating antenna on a low (-6m high) scaffold tower, with small shed like enclosure to house the radar system and power supply, Land to North of the Red House, North End Avenue, Thorpeness, support this application.

## 7. FINANCE

BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUNT	£18953.24*
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\*Includes interest £2.49

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	£279.45
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Conclusion of the Annual Audit

The Parish Council approved and accepted the Annual Return for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW ITEMS

A. Community Action Suffolk Annual Review and Celebration is being held 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015

B. SALC Policy Proposals to Government the Chairman will read through these.

## DISTRIBUTION

Parkers

Suffolk Philharmonic Orchestra

LCR

Home Start

Broxap Summer 2015

The Local Councillor

**9. COUNCILLORS ROUNDUP**

**10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Signed  
CHAIRMAN**

**14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**