

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE
HELD ON 14TH SEPTEMBER 2015
THE TOWER ROOM, THORPENESS**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

**MR E ATKINSON, MR D. MAYHEW, MRS P. MCLARDY, MR S SQUIRRELL
& MRS M JONES**

PARISHIONERS FORUM – 10 MINUTE ALLOCATION

No parishioners present

1. APOLOGIES

Suffolk Coastal District Council - Councillor TJ Haworth-Culf
& PCSO Terry Barrow

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd August 2015 were signed as a true record by
The Chairman.

4. REPORTS

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR RICHARD SMITH

Richard attended the Police Neighbourhood Safer Team meeting where it was reported that the Annual Aldeburgh Carnival had been a great successful and no problems were reported at this event.

The residents from the Almshouses, Thorpeness have contacted him informing that the Wardens hours are being cut and that she will be required to take charge of three sites run by Orwell Housing Association, the residents are worried and concerned about these changes.

He reported Suffolk County Council at present working on the budget figures for the next two years and it is becoming increasingly more difficult to make the savings that will be necessary.

SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR MAUREEN JONES

Joint Ward Report from Cllr Jones and Cllr Haworth-Culf.

Congratulations and many thanks to all those involved in a successful Regatta it was another wonderful event and well attended.

T.J. – Attended openings of different events, meetings, briefings, promotions, Cabinet, ESP Board Meeting.

Maureen – Events, Planning meetings, Chaired Policy Development, Operation Camouflage, Sizewell C Meeting.

Suffolk devolution 'bid'

People in Suffolk – indeed people anywhere in the world – want better futures for themselves and their families. As leaders of Suffolk's council we come from different political viewpoints and majorities, we have different economic drivers in our home territories, different rural and urban pressures and needs in our populations.

But we have chosen to set aside the difference and focus on what's important to make people's lives better.

To achieve this, we need to change the way in which the future of Suffolk is shaped. It seems so simple, but the artificial walls around council, police and health responsibilities and budgets – all decided by the Government need to be broken down before we can make progress.

That's the conversation we want to have with Government over the coming months and that's why we are all urging councillors to back the devolution bid, which is simply a starting point for lots more conversations, so we can get the best 'Suffolk deal' for people who live and work here.

More information is available on our website.

Reminder – Have you responded yet?

Thank you all those that have responded – Over half of Suffolk Coastal residents have responded to letters asking householders to check the council holds the correct details for everyone who is entitled to vote.

By law we are required to send a reminder where we don't get a reply from a household. Help us save money by replying promptly to the first letter.

If there are no changes to be made, then please follow the instructions on the letter.

You can do this online at www.elecreg.co.uk/suffolkcoastal you will need the two security numbers printed on the letter to complete the online form.

Phone **0808 284 1563**

Text: **07537 410063**

Community Emergency Planning Conference

Stowupland Village Hall, Church Road, Stowupland

Celebrate the success and value of the CEP scheme to Suffolk Communities

To book a place 07776 481787 or 01449 724851

<http://www.getpreparednow.co.uk>

2015 Coastal Business Resilience Conference

Thursday 22nd October is an important day for business. Having a business and a supply chain that is resilient has never been more important. The impacts of events such as the tidal surge in December 2013 have highlighted just how vital it is to safeguard your business.

As well as the main conference programme there will be opportunities to try out the new toolkit in our demonstration area. Workshops will guide you through the process, give you the opportunity to hear from other businesses and get a head start in making your business future proof: leaving you ready to meet the increasing challenges presented by a changing climate and the consequences of this for you, your customers and your supply chain.

22nd October 2015, Orbis Centre, Lowestoft 12 noon for a networking lunch. Conference starts at 1 pm and finishes at 5 pm.

4th Annual Coast and Estuary Community Conference

Suffolk Coast Forum's 4th Annual Coast and Estuaries Community Conference is to be held on 1st October at Wherstead Park, Ipswich.

Suffolk Coast Business Autumn Event

A practical, low cost event aimed at SMEs and micro businesses in the Suffolk Coastal area. The event will focus on the skills that small businesses need in order to achieve success and boost the local economy.

Thursday 1st October 6.00 – 8.00 pm Molletts Farm, Main Road, Benhall

£5 for members £10 for non members of Leiston, Aldeburgh, Framlingham and

Saxmundham Business Associations. To book email: admin@suffolkcoastabusiness.co.uk

b) LOCAL POLICE

Nothing to report.

c) SIZEWELL POWER STATIONS

SIZEWELL C

The decision on the building of Hinkley Point C will be decided over the next coming weeks. Following on from the traffic survey and various meetings with local communities they are moving forward towards the Stage 2 consultation period.

Work on the new Wildlife Habitat (known as Aldhurst Farm) is well under way.

Mrs Jones reported that there is a Sizewell Liaison Group Meeting due to be held on 23rd September 2015.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A. PARISH ACTIONS

1) The Defibrillator – The Chairman informed that he is currently carrying out the fortnightly checks to the equipment, as this is a required in the agreement with the East of England Cooperative.

ACTION: The Chairman

B) GROUP ACTIONS

1) Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

It was proposed and agreed that a Neighbourhood Plan should be developed for the parish with the primary focus on Thorpeness

The Parish Council will take on the role of the Qualifying Body.

The area of the plan will be the parish boundary.

Statements for an application will have to be prepared and formally submitted to Suffolk Coastal District Council for designation.

A Neighbourhood Plan Workshop is to be held on 1st October at the Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew where Councillors will be able to seek advice on the best way to prepare the submission to gain SCDC support.

ACTION: Parish Council/Residents

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

2) A decision will be made tomorrow on whether to change the venue for the Annual Good Neighbours Garden Party this coming Wednesday from the garden at Old Thorpe House, Thorpeness, to The Dolphin Inn. The weather forecast is predicting heavy rainfall and breezy conditions.

ACTION: Good Neighbours

HERITAGE GROUP

3) The interpretive boards have now been positioned the plaques need to be organised.

6. PLANNING

DC/15/2474/FUL Erection of first floor extension over existing bathrooms, Tabard House, Remembrance Road, Thorpeness, amended drawings to cover comments required by the Assistant Conservation Officer, support the changes made to this application.

7. FINANCE

BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUNT	£18953.24
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	£281.45
TO PAY	
Barnes Rosher £6.98 + £1.40 VAT =	£8.38
S.C.D.C. Election Fee	£125.00
Orwell Housing Association	£120.00
Clerks Salary £516.00 + £5.00 travel =	
£6.14 post/telephone	£527.14
Transfer £4000.00 from BSA to CA	
All agreed proposed by Mr Mayhew, seconded Mrs Jones	

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW ITEMS

- A. CATS Transport Survey to be completed and returned by Clerk.
- B. The Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership informing that their Annual General Meeting is being held on 1st October 2015.
- C. Letter from the Secretary of the Aldeburgh Rifle Club asking us for the Parish Council's support to their proposal of relocating on the field at the Thorpeness Sports & Social Club. The Parish Council have no objections to this and will try to assist them by looking into funding from SCDC Sports Fund.

9. COUNCILLORS ROUNDUP

Mr Squirrel asked for update on new lighting column for Mill Hill, Clerk will chase this.

ACTION: The Clerk

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2015

Signed

26TH OCTOBER 2015

CHAIRMAN