

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE
HELD ON 26TH OCTOBER 2015
THE TOWER ROOM, THORPENESS**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

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 14th September 2015 were signed as a true record by
The Chairman.

4. REPORTS

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR RICHARD SMITH

Suffolk County Council have been drawing up their budget figures, difficult decisions have had to be made to achieve the savings that are required over the next 2 years. The figures are due to be published on 26th November 2015.

SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR MAUREEN JONES

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

Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend this evening due to a simultaneous joint Cabinet Meeting with Waveney in Lowestoft, where I am presenting a paper. We are increasing conducting our business in partnership with Waveney.

East Suffolk Business Plan: This will be our first joint Business Plan, which lays out our plans for the next eight years (2015 – 2023). We are now at the stage where we have a draft document for us to consider.

Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016/17 – 2019/20: We have managed our limited resources in recent years. Despite dwindling financial support from central Government, we have managed to keep council tax at the same level as 2010.

A12 Villagers Bypass Contribution:

On Tuesday 13th October the County Council's Cabinet set aside up to £450,000

towards building a business case for a new bypass on the A12 of the villages, Marlesford, Little Glemham, Stratford St Andrew and Farnham.

Our belief is that this is an investment in the future prosperity of this area. A strong business case could lead to the improvements being made to the A12, which are essential East Suffolk for growth and development.

Brown Bins

Cabinet discussed Brown Bins last week. We looked at our future arrangements for Organic Waste Recycling, basically looking at the debate on whether to begin charging local people extra money for collecting organic waste (brown bins), after the County Council was forced to cut its financial support (recycling credits) for this service.

It is an important issue for Suffolk Coastal, we have an excellent track record on recycling. In 2013/14, we were in the top 10% of local authorities in the Country (coming 19th out of 352 authorities) with a recycling rate of 57.44

The report came with a strong recommendation for not charging for collecting green waste so we can build on that good performance. However, it recognises that there will be financial implications for SCDC.

Enabling Communities

Since its launch two years ago, Enabling Communities has allowed us to help dozens of local projects.

Funding available: We need to hear from local people who need funding new community projects. We recently launched round two of the Capital Revenue Grants programme for 2015/16 and we want to hear from organisations which need funding.

In partnership with Community Action Suffolk we are also holding a grant application workshop at Melton Hill on Tuesday 17th November from 2pm – 4pm.

Further information and application forms are available

www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourcouncil/communitygrants/councilgrants

Travellers

The 'Call for Sites' consultation was launched in September and closes on 15th November. It aims to identify land on which to locate three Short Stay Stopping Sites for the Gypsy and Traveller Community. Suffolk does not currently have any sites of this type.

www.suffolk.gov.uk/shortstay

Syrian Refugees

Suffolk Public Sector Leaders have unanimously agreed to support the Syrian Vulnerable Person Scheme and believe Suffolk should offer to take up to 200 Syrian refugees via the current resettlement scheme. Due to the location of suitable housing, health, education and support services, the refugees will be settled predominately in the greater Ipswich area. More detailed information is available from the LGA at www.local.gov.uk/refugees

Emergency Planning

An information leaflet about the Nuclear Emergency arrangements has been developed following public consultation and has now been sent out to the community on the Sizewell off-site emergency arrangements. Historically only properties within the Sizewell Detailed Planning Zone received detailed information and advice from Sizewell site operators EDF Energy and Magnox.

The new information is being posted to every property and business beyond the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone up to 15km radius to improve awareness of Sizewell nuclear emergency arrangements. Full details of Sizewell's Off Site Emergency Plan are posted on the Suffolk Resilience Forum website www.suffolkresilience.com

Improvements to Public Access on the Coast: Hopton-on-Sea to Aldeburgh

Natural England is consulting local people on its plans to improve public access on foot along the coast from Beach Road in Hopton-on-Sea, Norfolk to Fort Green car park in Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

We will work in close association with officers from Suffolk County Council and other local organisations who will provide expert local advice. It's important to note however that there will be no new right of access to the coast until proposals have been approved by the Secretary of State and work to establish the route has been carried out.

We have arranged three public 'drop-in-sessions' to allow anyone whose land might be affected an opportunity to find out more information about the project.

Session One 14th November 2015 9.30am – 12.30 pm Southwold Public Library

Session Two 17th November 14.00 pm – 18.00 pm Lowestoft Public Library

Session Three 20th November 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Aldeburgh Public Library

Further information

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/england-coast-path-improving-public-access-to-the-coast>

For those at risk of flooding

Almost 5 million people in England are at risk of flooding. Many people think that flooding will never happen to them – but it could. The Winter of 2013 – 2014 was the wettest in England for nearly 250 years and around 11,000 residential and commercial properties flooded.

Our flood warnings provide vital time to prepare their properties, protect possessions and get themselves and their families out of harm's way <https://www.gov.uk/floodsdestroy>

Floodline Telephone: 0345 988 1188

The Alde and Ore Estuary partnership

The public is being consulted on the Alde and Ore Estuary Plan. The Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership would like to hear from anyone who visits, lives or works in the Alde and Ore Estuary area, from Snape to Aldeburgh, Orford, Shingle Street and the surrounding areas.

The draft can be viewed online at www.aoep.co.uk or public libraries Aldeburgh and Woodbridge.

Drop in events

Saturday 21st November 2015 Aldeburgh Church Hall 9.30 - 1.00 pm

Thursday 26th November Snape Maltings Oyster Bar 2.00 - 7.00 pm

Thursday 3rd December Orford Town Hall 2.00 - 7.00 pm

b) LOCAL POLICE

In September 2015 there were 2 crimes reported in Thorpeness compared to 5 reported for the same time period in 2014.

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

Thorpeness 16th September Theft of money from business premises

27th September Wheelie Bin removed from rear garden

Aldringham 26th September Theft of front door key

Leiston and Aldeburgh Priorities:

Road Safety – To improve awareness of road safety amongst young children and the elderly.

To work with primary schools in the Leiston and Aldeburgh area, educating children on the dangers of the roads. They are setting up driver workshops for the over 60s encouraging safer driving for longer and refresh knowledge of the Highway Code.

Care in the Community day – Free

Wednesday 19th November 10 a.m. until 2.00 p.m. Information for the Community on Health and wellbeing.

Grand Driver – Free

Tuesday 24th November 2015 start at 10.00 am until 12.30 pm. Free workshops for the over 60's giving advice and tips on how to stay driving safer for longer. Please register with Jane Holland on 07703395690.

The next Priority Setting Meeting will be at

Leiston Tuesday 17th November 2015 7pm Community Centre King Georges Avenue
Aldeburgh Wednesday 18th November 2015 7.30 pm – Community Centre Kings Field

c) SIZEWELL POWER STATIONS

SIZEWELL C

Mrs Jones commented on the latest news for Chinese investment at Hinkley Point C. Preparation on the Stage 2 Consultation continues for Sizewell C and information will come available on the proposal for a jetty.

d) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman reported on the Neighbourhood Plan workshop that he and Mrs Jones had attended on 1st October 2015.

A meeting is scheduled this coming Saturday 31st October 2015 at Thorpeness Golf Club – 11am. This will be a meeting where residents can go along and if they wish can become involved in assisting with the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

The Chairman commented that he had been asked if the Parish Council would be interested in Digital Mapping for the Parish.

It was agreed that this would be beneficial to the Parish Council and it was proposed by Mr Atkinson, seconded Mrs McLardy that the Parish Council contributes £500.00 towards the cost of Digital Mapping equipment.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A. PARISH ACTIONS

1) Cooption of Parish Councillor

It was proposed by Mr Atkinson, seconded by Mrs Jones that Mr Michael Sturmeay be Co-opted on to the Parish Council – All agreed

B) GROUP ACTIONS

1) NEWSLETTER – The Editor Mr Peter Knight will soon be preparing the next Newsletter, any contributions for this would be appreciated, please pass to him as soon as possible.

2) THORPENESS SPORTS PAVILION/CLUB

a) Thorpeness Bowls Club have decided that they will not be continuing next season.

b) The Aldeburgh Rifle Club in preparation of moving are applying for Planning Permission to site their containers on the sports field.

6. PLANNING

DC/15/3976/FUL Two storey and single storey extension 3 Beach Cottages, The Benthills, Thorpeness, support this application.

DC/15/2462/FUL Land East of Seadune, North End Avenue, Thorpeness
Sea defence wave ramp constructed from rock filled wire baskets (Gabions)

The defence will span a 50M undefended length linking to Gabion defences to the North and South, support this application.

DC/15/4028/FUL Five Acre Barn, Aldeburgh Road, Aldringham Extension and alterations to barn and change of use from C3 dwelling house to C1 hotel, providing five B & B units, managers accommodation and support space. Existing dwelling to be demolished, support this application.

DC/15/4132/FUL Green Gates, Aldeburgh Road, Aldringham Proposed rear extension, support this application.

DC/15/4247/VOC Bittern, 25 Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness Variation of condition 2 of DC/13/2868/FUL to allow alternative scheme of alteration and extension of the property.

Work now reduces scope of works with removal from the scheme of 2 no proposed dormers (nor existing) and insertion of new window to first floor rear balcony, support this application.

DC/15/4089/FUL Church Farm, Church Lane, Aldringham Change of use of land from agricultural to residential and construction of open-air swimming pool, support this application.

SCDC Preferred Options Public Consultation Site Allocations and Areas will be from the 19th until 30th November 2015. The Chairman will read through the documents.

7. FINANCE

BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUNT	£18457.66*
* Includes interest	£2.36
* SCDC Precept	£3502.06
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	£3480.93
TO PAY	
RBL Wreath	£20.00
DONATIONS	
Citizens Advice Bureau	£100.00
Leiston Library Steering Committee (Leiston Town Council)	£75.00

All agreed proposed by Mr Squirrell, seconded Mrs Jones

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW ITEMS

A. It was agreed that Christmas trees will be provided in the Parish and dates for Carol singing will be advertised shortly.

B. Babergh and Mid Suffolk Public Rights of Way Services Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No 41 (part) Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Thorpeness and Aldeburgh Hotels Ltd. have been granted planning permission by SCDC for the erection of new steel portal building to replace former fire damaged buildings and the erection of a new steel portal tractor and trailer store with hardstanding area. The fire damaged building was built over the route of Footpath No 41 and the new building will be

built on the footprint of the fire damaged building. The construction of the green keepers building shall not commence until the diversion of footpath No 41 has been obtained.

C. Suffolk Coast & Heath AONB Scattered Project passed onto the Chairman.

D. SCDC informing World of Planning Sessions are being held on 4th, 6th, 12th and 17th November 2015.

E. SCDC Christmas Bin Collections 2015 for the parish will be as follows:-

Monday 21st will be Saturday 19th December, Tuesday 22nd will be Monday 21st December
Wednesday 23rd will be Tuesday 22nd December, Thursday 24th will be Wednesday 23rd
December, and Friday 25th will be Thursday 24th December

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 28th 29th 30th & 31st will be on the same day.
Friday 1st January will be Saturday 2nd January 2016.

DISTRIBUTION

Norse Commercial Services Ltd

LCR

Community Action Suffolk

9. COUNCILLORS ROUNDUP

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

ACTION: The Clerk

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2015

Signed

30TH NOVEMBER 2015

CHAIRMAN