

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE
HELD ON 4TH JANUARY 2016
THE TOWER ROOM, THORPENESS**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

PARISHIONERS FORUM – 10 MINUTE ALLOCATION

No Parishioners present.

1. APOLOGIES

Mr D Mayhew & SCDC Councillor T.J Haworth-Culf

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th November 2015 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. REPORTS

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR RICHARD SMITH

Richard wished everyone a Happy New Year.

He reported that Suffolk County Council mainly due to the Governments announcement to the proposal of raising the National Living Wage in 2016. This will now make them have to review their proposed budget figures.

SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR HAWORTH-CULF & JONES

May we take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year.

Financial Overview – 2015/16 and beyond

As you are aware the Chancellor announced the Autumn Statement and Spending Review to Parliament in November 2015. Then we received the Provisional Financial Settlement shortly before Christmas.

We are currently examining the figures in detail to work out exactly what the settlement means for Suffolk Coastal. The proposed budget for 2015/16 will be brought before Cabinet and Scrutiny at the beginning of February, ahead of it being presented to Full Council at the end of the month.

However, at this stage, it looks likely that we will have to increase our portion of the Council Tax – for the first time since 2010.

Latest Devolution Update

On 7th December, Norfolk and Suffolk's Leaders met to consider the shape of our devolution proposals and decide what more needs to be done before the final version can be sent to Government.

Good progress is being made across all of the work streams, with ongoing support from civil servants.

On 9th December, the cities and Local Government Devolution Bill reached its report stage in the House of Commons. Some new amendments were tabled, including those relating to the role of the Secretary of State. The Government's approach to devolution remains one based on collaboration and consensus, as in the case of the Norfolk and Suffolk proposals. The Grant Thornton survey of larger businesses in Norfolk and Suffolk showed that over half of respondents support having more local control over infrastructure, economic development and skills: <https://www.suffolkchamber.co.uk/news/chamber-news/over-half-of-norfolk-and-suffolk-businesses-support-devolution-syas-new-survey/>

The next steps will be to continue to work on our proposals, with a view to completing them in the New Year.

Waste Collection – Brown Bins

There does seem to be some confusion in the local community, so we need to make sure people are aware that we have made this decision.

Cabinet did review our arrangements after the County Council cut its financial support (recycling credits) for this service. However, it was decided we will not impose a charge.

New Headquarters

The buildings which will house our new headquarters, opposite Melton Railway Station, are now really starting to take shape. The external cladding, windows and sedum (green) roofing are now being put in place, so you can get a good idea of how the new HQ will look. We are also currently in the process of trying to select a name for the building. If you have any suggestions, please sent them to: accommodation.scdc@eastssuffolk.gov.uk

Weather Latest

The District has experienced heavy rain, which can/did cause river levels to rise, as the water runs off. For the latest information on the weather and flood warnings, see;

- <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/map>
- <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

Is your business prepared?

East Suffolk businesses are being encouraged to take up support to ensure they are prepared against disruption.

Severe weather is one of the main reasons for business disruption in the UK as well as loss of data and supply chain issues also having significant impact on a business.

Following completion of a full check BERT, Groundwork can provide free telephone and email or on-site support to help the business prioritise its recommended actions and work towards their implementation.

For more information about the toolkit, visit www.getbusinessresilient.co.uk

Or contact Groundwork on 01473350370 or email:

suffolkbusinessadvisor@groundwork.org.uk

SCDC welcomes considerate dog walkers

Not cleaning up immediately after your dog has fouled any relevant public land is an offence under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. Offenders can receive a fixed penalty fine of £80, or if convicted of the offence a fine of up to £1000.00.

Other News

TJ opened the new shelter within the Felixstowe Sea Front Gardens project in December 2015.

Good news for Coastal Projects: There was good news for Coastal Community Teams across East Suffolk in December with the announcement that a number of coastal regeneration projects have been awarded development grants to help enhance and improve the area's coastline.

For more information about the work of the EST Suffolk CCT'S, please visit:

www.coastalcommunities.co.uk/coastal-teams/felixstowe

www.coastalcommunities.co.uk/coastal-teams/deben-peninsula

www.coastalcommunities.co.uk/coastal-teams/lowestoft

Clean for the Queen

Clean for The Queen is a campaign to clear up Britain in time for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday, which will be officially celebrated in June 2016.

Please encourage people to register their interest and help Clean for the Queen, at

www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk/home2365

Consultation Events on A12 Improvements

Suffolk Chamber of Commerce is holding two 'business breakfast' consultation events in coming weeks for all local businesses based along the A12 route between Ipswich and Lowestoft to learn more about the impacts that the current state of the route has upon them.

Events take place at Ufford Park, Woodbridge on Tuesday 26th January and at High Lodge Darsham on Wednesday 3rd February. Both events will run between 7.30 am – 9.30am.

It is hoped that the consultation will draw together information from local businesses, particularly concerning:

- The impact that the current state of the A12 has on business
- The difference specific improvements might make
- Costs incurred relating to unreliable and delayed journey times
- Investments likely to result from improved more reliable access
- Future employment growth

Recognised as a key strategic link in East Suffolk, the success of the A12 is essential for continued business growth. Suffolk County Council and east Suffolk councils have committed £500k to build a strategic business case to Government for funding to improve part of the A12 between Ipswich and Lowestoft.

Cold Weather – Health Advice

The Cold Weather Plan for England sets out a series of actions that health and social care organisations, voluntary and community groups and individuals can take and plan for cold temperatures to help reduce cold-related illnesses and deaths.

Top tips to prepare for colder weather:

- Look out for friends and family who are vulnerable to the cold and ensure they have access to warm food, drinks and are managing to heat their homes adequately.
- Try to maintain indoor temperatures to at least 18, particularly if you are not mobile, have long term illness or are 65 and over.
- Stay tuned for weather forecasts, ensure you are stocked with food and Medications in advance (have deliveries or ask a friend to help).
- Avoid exposing yourself to cold or icy outdoor conditions if you are at a higher risk of cold related illness or falls.

- Discuss with friends and neighbours about clearing snow and ice from in front of your house and public walkways nearby, if unable to do so yourself.
For lots more useful advice visit www.nhs.uk/staywell

b) LOCAL POLICE

Not in attendance at the meeting.

c) SIZEWELL POWER STATIONS

SIZEWELL C

EDF Energy started work on the Aldhurst Farm Habitat Creation Scheme and will be on site in the spring of 2016 to complete the reed bed planting.

A range of environmental studies has been carried out across the Sizewell C site and potential associated development sites over the last year.

They are currently working hard on the development of Stage 2 consultation proposals.

d) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A Letter is being sent to Suffolk Coastal District Council seeking their approval for the Parish Council to proceed with their proposal for preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. Next meeting is planned for 30th January 2016.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A. PARISH ACTIONS

1) Emergency Plan - Mrs Valerie Allport did a great deal of the preparation work, sadly due to her unexpected passing, the document never managed to get completed. The Chairman has spoken with a resident who is willing to assist the Parish Council with the completion.

B) GROUP ACTIONS

1) Heritage Centre - The Chairman has spoken with SCDC Councillor Geoff Holdcroft about the proposal for a Heritage Centre and the possible siting for the building on the Car Park Remembrance Road, Thorpeness. The car park is held leasehold by SCDC, subject to agreeing suitable terms SCDC would be happy to under-lease a parcel of land for the purpose.

2) Thorpeness Sports Club & Pavilion – The trustees are now in a position to transfer all the assets over. ACTION: The Trustees

6. PLANNING

DC/15/4947/FUL Retention and completion of an amended design to that approved under application DC/14/1493/FUL Mallards, 4 Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness, do not support this application.

DC/15/5008/FUL Retrospective planning permission sought for sea defence and earth retaining structure built to protect the Tinkers End flats and Stella Maris frontage Tinkers End and Stella Maris, Beach Farm Road, Thorpeness – Support this application

DC/15/4866/FUL Construction of new flat roofed rear extension to provide enlarged living space, new entrance to property with a new side extension complete with cloakroom and internal remodelling of existing bungalow and to convert the garage to bedroom with ensuite shower 5 Meadow Rise, Aldringham – support this application.

7. FINANCE

BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUNT	£17957.66
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	£3191.69
TO PAY	
Suffolk Preservation Society	
Disability Advice Service	£100.00
Annual Internal Audit	£20.00

Annual budget and Precept set for 2016-17

It was agreed that no increase will be made to the Annual Precept it will remain at £7000.00

All agreed proposed Mr Atkinson, seconded Mrs Jones

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND NEW ITEMS

A. Dr Therese Coffey MP informing that she has moved from her Constituency Office at York House, Felixstowe, and while she looks for other office accommodation, constituents should contact her at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

B. Suffolk Constabulary writing to Parish and Town Council in Suffolk regarding Match Funding Police Community Support Officers in the 2016/17 financial year.

C. Correspondence received concerning the surface of the trackway between Sizewell Hall Gates and the Wardens. We have contacted Suffolk County Council and they advise that they have communicated with Mr Gimson concerning this matter and have advised that he discuss the problem directly with the landowner and that it is his responsibility to maintain the trackway.

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9. COUNCILLORS ROUNDUP

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2016

Signed

1ST FEBRUARY 2016

CHAIRMAN