

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE
HELD ON 1st FEBRUARY 2016
THE TOWER ROOM, THORPENESS
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

**MR E ATKINSON, MRS M JONES, MR D MAYHEW,
MR M STURMEY & MR S SQUIRRELL**

PARISHIONERS FORUM – 10 MINUTE ALLOCATION

No Parishioners present.

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs P McLardy & Suffolk Coastal District Council Councillor T.J Haworth-Culf

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th January 2016 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. REPORTS

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR RICHARD SMITH

Richard reported on the proposal for an increase on the SCC budget and stated that they have made no increases since 2010.

From his SCC Locality Budget he is willing to fund £250.00 to assist with HM Queen Elizabeth 90th Birthday Celebrations in the Parish.

He gave his apologies for the Annual Parish Meeting, as he is having knee surgery carried out later this month.

SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR HAWORTH-CULF & JONES

Councillor Haworth-Culf sends her apologies.

Preferred bidder for Melton Hill announced

We have selected a preferred bidder from the developers wanting to buy our existing Melton Hill headquarters site.

Active Urban Property Group (AUPG) has been selected following a thorough and detailed process to identify best value for local Council Tax payers, as well as Suffolk Coastal District Council.

The plan is to create 70 new homes on this site, of which about 33% will be affordable homes (subject to planning permission). The company intends to start its planning and design process immediately.

Name Chosen for New Headquarters

On an allied subject the Accommodation Programme Board has also chosen **East Suffolk House** as the name for the new headquarters building in Melton, because it felt this name make a strong statement about our continuing partnership work across East Suffolk, with our colleagues in Waveney.

Port Health information Management System (PHILIS)

The recent success of Port Health in signing a 3 year contract with Southampton City Council to licence the use of PHILIS (the Port Health information Management system) at Southampton Port Health Authority is a great example of the entrepreneurial, business-like approach we are increasingly taking at Suffolk Coastal.

The roll-out of PHILIS to the second largest Port in the UK and the ongoing success of this software has generated significant additional income for the Council and has enhanced the reputation of Port Health and the Council within the import community and with the central government agencies.

Cabinet – Tuesday 2nd February

Budget: No doubt, you will already have been receiving questions about the budget and the fact Suffolk Coastal may have to put up Council Tax for the first time in six years.

The draft Budget for 2016/17 will be examined at Scrutiny on Monday before being debated at Cabinet on Tuesday, ahead of the finalised recommendations coming before Full Council at the end of February.

Affordable Housing

We have always said that one of the key priorities for this Administration is to provide more affordable homes in the District.

We have decided to take a bold and innovative approach to this issue and are examining proposals to invest £1.68 million of the Section 106 money we have built up over the years into unlocking the development potential in the District to provide more affordable homes.

Merger Speculation

There has been some media coverage, suggesting that talks between Suffolk Coastal and Waveney to merge the two councils are 'at an advanced stage'. This is not the case.

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney have been successfully working in partnership since 2008, when we appointed a joint Chief Executive. We were the first councils in Suffolk, and amongst the first in the country, to adopt this approach.

While we share staff and have a joint Business Plan, Suffolk Coastal and Waveney remain two sovereign councils, with separate Leaders, Cabinet and Full Councils, which represent their respective areas. There are no current plans to merge the councils, however we are looking at how we can continue to develop this partnership and will consider all the options open to us.

On Street Parking

The current situation with on-street parking is that the County Council administer where the restrictions appear, with the Police enforcing the regulations and the money from penalty tickets going to central Government.

We are now in discussions with the Police and Suffolk County Council to try to resolve this situation and have suggested that responsibility should be devolved to Suffolk Coastal to manage and enforce on-street parking regulation. Nothing has been decided at this stage, but we will update you if the matter is resolved.

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 East Suffolk CCT's, please visit:

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

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

Get ready for important elections

Voters in Suffolk Coastal will go to the polls for the election of a Police Commissioner for Suffolk on Thursday 5th May 2016.

The deadline to register to vote is Monday 18th April 2016 for more information visit

www.suffolkparo.org.uk

New healthy food award launches in Suffolk

Suffolk Coastal has welcomed the introduction of a new food award which will help customers to make healthier choices when eating out at Suffolk's restaurants, pubs and cafes.

To qualify for the 'Eat Out Eat Well' award, businesses must be assessed by Environmental Health Officers and show their commitment to providing healthier choices. The level of award is based on a scoring system that takes into account the type of food on offer, cooking methods, and how businesses promote healthy choices to their customers.

b) LOCAL POLICE

In January 2016 there was 1 crime reported in Thorpeness compared to 0 reported for the same time period in 2015 and 0 crime in Aldringham compared with 1 reported for the same period in 2015.

Thorpeness - Overnight 14th to 15th January a barn was damaged by a vehicle which appeared to try and gain entry.

Leiston and Aldeburgh Priorities

Road Safety – To improve awareness of road safety amongst young children and the elderly. To work with primary schools in Leiston and Aldeburgh area, educating children on the dangers of the roads.

c) SIZEWELL POWER STATIONS

SIZEWELL C

EDF are working towards the Stage 2 consultation.

The Chairman and Councillor Maureen Jones will attend the Sizewell C Community Forum on 4th February at Snape Maltings.

d) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

No acknowledgement has been received from Suffolk Coastal District Council to the letter which was sent with regard to preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

The Chairman reported that a meeting is to be arranged shortly with Gillian Benjamin from Community Suffolk Action to discuss Neighbourhood Plan actions in more detail.

ACTION: Parish Council/CAS

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A. PARISH ACTIONS

Emergency Plan – No further action has been taken, this is something that the Parish Council will review and complete soon. ACTION: Parish Council

B) GROUP ACTIONS

1) Heritage Group - The Brass plaques need to be screwed onto the boards.

2) Thorpeness Sports Club & Pavilion

The Chairman reported that the members of the Thorpeness Bowls Club have decided not to continue using the Bowls Green and Sports Pavilion for this coming season.

Benhall Croquet Club recently expressed an interest on using the green and facilities, with a possibility of looking into extending the area sometime in the future.

Next week the Rifle Club are hoping to start on their proposals which will enable them to make their move from Aldeburgh.

6. PLANNING

DC/15/5090/FUL Land adjacent to Mill House, Uplands Road, Thorpeness

Proposed new dwelling, do not support this application.

DC/16/0117/FUL 3 The Bays, Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness

Proposed extension over existing flat roof to rear of property. Resubmission following approval C13/0567, support this application.

DC/15/5164/LBC Southview, Mill Hill, Aldringham

Listed Building Consent - Internal alterations to convert Ground floor bathroom to utility, existing first floor bedroom to bathroom (including installation of extractor fan) and existing first floor shower room to dressing room, support this application

Suffolk Coastal District Council approved the following:-

DC/15/4042/FUL Conversion and extension of existing garage to form annexe to house, alteration to parking, The Turrett House, 6 Westgate, Thorpeness.

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 en-suite shower, 5 Meadow Rise, Aldringham.

DC/15/4530/TCA To fell 4 no mature Silver Birch between Nos 3 & 5 Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness. Trees are causing damp issues to both properties.

7. FINANCE

BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUNT	£17959.89 *
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*includes £2.23 interest

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	£3116.69
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TO PAY

Leiston Press	£153.00
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Orwell Housing Room Hire	£80.00
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Clerks Salary £516.00 + £5.00 travel + postage/tel £7.12 =	£528.12
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Chairman Allowance	£50.00
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Donations	
St Andrews Church	£400.00
Thorpeness & Aldringham Heritage Group	
Notice Board	£300.00
1379 (Leiston Squadron) Air Training Corps	£75.00
All agreed proposed Mr Atkinson, seconded Mr Mayhew	

DISTRIBUTION

8. COUNCILLORS ROUNDUP

9. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 4TH APRIL 2016

Signed

4TH APRIL 2016

CHAIRMAN