

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE
HELD ON 6TH FEBRUARY 2017
THE TOWER ROOM
THORPENESS
MINUTES**

**PRESENT: MR E ATKINSON, MRS M. JONES, MRS P MCLARDY, MR M STURMEY,
MR S. SQUIRRELL & MR A WILLIAMS**

Wendy Hendrick Evans from Orwell Housing Association came along with Mr Robert Ogilvie and explained their proposals for the Almshouses Development. A further meeting is to be held with the residents and Parish Council to enable them to question any concerns they may have relating to the proposals.

PARISHIONERS FORUM – 10 MINUTE ALLOCATION

A Parishioner thanked the Parish Council for the Christmas Tree in Aldringham. She commented on a number of issues relating to footpaths in the village, the problems have been reported to County Council and still have not been rectified.

The ImpACT group are due to hold an open meeting on Saturday 4th March 11.00 am in The Pavilion, Thorpeness.

1. APOLOGIES

MR D Mayhew

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2017 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. REPORTS

a) SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR RICHARD SMITH

He reported that Suffolk County Council's 2017/18 budget figures are being discussed this coming Thursday.

Richard has replied to Sizewell C Stage 2 Consultation saying he is not supporting their plans, mainly because of the proposed hostel adjacent to Eastbridge and Minsmere and that they will not support the construction of the D2 road.

b) SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL – COUNCILLORS T.J. HAWORTH & MAUREEN JONES

There has already been a hectic start to 2017 – and this pace looks set to continue.

Operationally, our staff did a fantastic job, linking to the emergency services and local

communities, gearing up to deal with the tidal surge. Although predicted flooding did not materialise, it was a very useful exercise in showing we are prepared to effectively set up the rest centres and other facilities which would be needed during a major incident.

We have also had the historic decision to move forward with the proposals to merge with our partners in Waveney, to create the largest District Council in the Country.

The next step will be to seek the approval of the Secretary of State on the proposals, before hopefully moving forward to make this a reality at the next elections.

The pace looks set to continue through this month, February being a month for another round of major decisions: Cabinet on Tuesday 7th February Implementation of Civil Parking Enforcement in East Suffolk: We have a key decision to make on whether we should take responsibility for parking enforcement. Suffolk is one of the few counties in England where District Councils do not have this responsibility, and parking enforcement is still carried out by the Police.

East Suffolk Environmental Policy: We are also being asked to approve the revised East Suffolk Environmental Policy, which aims to bring the policy in line with the priorities set out in the recently adopted East Suffolk Business Plan. The new East Suffolk Environmental Policy evaluates the current priorities within both local and national government and applies them to the environmental agenda within East Suffolk. The policy sets out the Councils' priorities and current objectives, with an action plan to monitor future progress towards achieving the objectives.

Draft Social Value Policy: Social Value is about maximising the impact of public expenditure. It is a way of thinking about how our scarce resources are allocated and used. There is an opportunity for Suffolk Coastal District Council to ensure that the impact of public expenditure is maximised for community benefit. This policy will provide the framework for Suffolk Coastal to help achieve a wider community benefit from its spending and investment, which can help support the Enabling Communities activities of the East Suffolk Business Plan.

Draft General Fund Budget 2017/18: This report not only sets out the proposed Council Tax for the district for next year, it also gives an overview of our financial position against the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), Cabinet is asked to consider and make recommendations to Full Council regarding the: - proposed Budget for 2017/18, and to note the position with regard to future years, assessment of reserve and balance movements.

Other News

Planning Document approval: – We have now formally agreed to adopt the recently Planning Inspectorate approved planning documents which sets out site allocations for new homes in the district over the next 10 years. The documents will now become part of Suffolk Coastal's Local Plan alongside the Council's Core Strategy which was adopted in July 2013.

Beach Hut Consultation - The Consultation asking the public to consider how beach hut services are run in the district continues until Friday 17th February 2017. The consultation follows December's Cabinet meeting which considered the review of the beach hut service. This review was set out to identify any service efficiencies and to consider further income generation opportunities. Following the results of the consultation, a revised report will be brought to Cabinet to consider later in the year.

Car Park Improvements – To work to improve Melton Riverside Car Park has now been completed and will help provide better access for regular users of the Country Park as well

as providing extra parking for those using the nearby facilities at the station and new District Council Offices, providing additional public parking at times of peak demand such as major planning meetings.

Work has now started to Thorpe Road in Aldeburgh with the hopes of completion by Easter. T. J. receives weekly updates regarding the works.

Melton Hill Furniture – We've been working hard to ensure that surplus furniture from our old offices at Melton Hill is reused as much as possible in the community. The majority has so far been donated to local charities, Town and Parish Councils, and Community groups. Staff have also raised a fantastic £874.98 for the East Suffolk and Ipswich branch of RSPCA by bidding on the furniture. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Julie Carver, Customer Contact Manager to register interest: furniture@eastsoffolk.gov.uk. We will then provide interested parties with further details of when furniture is available for collection.

Holiday Activities Funding Available – The East Suffolk Youth Priority Action Group (ESYPAG) has launched its latest round of funding to support providing school holiday activities for young people across east Suffolk (Suffolk Coastal and Waveney) during May half term and the school summer holidays. The closing date for applications is 5pm on Friday 10th March 2017.

Scam warning to residents

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils are warning residents to remain vigilant following reports of possible scam attempts in the area.

One incident has been reported to the Councils which involved a customer receiving a call from someone regarding their Council Tax bill, stating they are entitled to a refund after being told they have been charged too much.

The telephone number involved was: 02037693102

If you think you have been targeted by a scam call Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** or report it online.

c) SIZEWELL POWER STATIONS

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Mrs Jones reported that the next Stakeholders Group meeting is due to be held on 16th March 2017.

c) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Nothing further to report until the group meets on Monday 20th February 2017

ACTION: Neighbourhood Plan Group

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A. PARISH ACTIONS

1) The recent cliff fall incident in Thorpeness, the Chairman made thanks to all the people in the community who were involved in assisting in anyway.

2) The Clerk reported that the new Notice board has been delivered and the Chairman will make arrangements to have this sited as soon as possible.

ACTION: The Chairman

3) Mrs Pippa McLardy the Editor for the Newsletter is now seeking articles in preparation for the end of March Newsletter.

ACTION: Mrs McLardy

B) GROUP ACTIONS

1) Heritage Group

Discussion is still going on with Suffolk Coastal District Council and the Parish Council with regards to finalising the agreement for the section of land etc.,

ACTION: SCDC, Parish Council
Heritage Group

2) Sports Pavilion

No actions to report.

3) It was agreed that the Parish Council are willing to purchase some HI -Viz Vests for Mr Bill Crow as he requires extra ones at the Annual Easter Beach/Village Clean.

ACTION: The Clerk

6. PLANNING

DC/17/0136/TCA 24 Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness

T1 Hybrid Black Poplar and T2 Hybrid Black Poplar, support this application.

Suffolk Coastal District Council Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies Development Plan Inspector's Report January 2017

Policy SSP4 (Land to east of Aldeburgh Road, Aldringham)

Aldringham PC objected to the inclusion of this site and have particular concerns about its size, which would represent a considerable increase in the size of the village. It is also outside the former physical boundary limits to the settlement hierarchy, to which the CS has allocated growth. Although this site was allocated late on in the process, local people have had the chance to comment on it through representations and the hearings. The area has neighbourhood planning status but this was only achieved in May 2016 and therefore policies for that area were included in the plan, since its designation was close to the submission of the plans. The site has also been subject to SA and subject to the criteria listed, I am satisfied that it would represent sustainable development and should be included in the local plan as a contribution to overall housing supply.

7. FINANCE

BUSINESS SAVER ACCOUNT £21969.78*

*includes £2.64 interest 5 Sept - 4 Dec

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT £813.23

TO PAY

Clerks Salary £515.00 + £5.00 travel+ £9.26 post/tel £529.26

Chairman's Allowance £50.00

DONATION

St Andrews Church £400.00

Leiston Press £218.00

Bill Searle (Village maintenance items) £106.24

S Atkinson (Village maintenance items) £55.86

Greenbarnes £467.72 + £93.55 Vat = £561.27

Transfer £2000.00 from BPA to CA

All agreed proposed Mrs McLardy and seconded Mr Sturmeay

It was agreed the Clerk open accounts with Screwbolt Fixing Limited and Coastal Building Supplies, this will make it much easier when materials and goods etc., are needed to be purchased to carryout projects and maintenance jobs in the Parish.

ACTION: The Clerk

8. NEW ITEMS & CORRESPONDENCE

DISTRIBUTION

Glasdon Booklet

9. COUNCILLORS ROUNDUP

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 6TH APRIL 2017

Signed
Chairman

6TH APRIL 2017