

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE
HELD ON 8TH MAY 2017
OGILVIE PAVILION & SPORTS GROUND
THORPENESS
MINUTES

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

PARISHIONERS FORUM – 10 MINUTE ALLOCATION

The Chairman welcomed Mr Brad Mclean General Manager of Thorpeness Golf Club & Hotel and Thorpeness Country Club. He talked about and gave details for the Thorpefest Summer Music Festival which is set to take place on 8th July 2017 from 11.00 am until 10.00 pm.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Eric Atkinson proposed by Mr Scott Squirrell, seconded by Mrs Maureen Jones
Re-elected

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr David Mayhew proposed by Mr Scott Squirrell, seconded by Mrs Maureen Jones
Re-elected

3. APOLOGIES

Mr M Sturmeay & SCDC Councillor T.J. Haworth-Culf

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – None

5. MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd April 2017 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

6. REPORTS

a) SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR

The Chairman welcomed the newly elected Suffolk County Council Councillor Russ Rainger to the meeting this was his first day on official Suffolk County Council duty.

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

Funding revitalising the Suffolk Coast

Suffolk Coastal District Council celebrating the accomplishments achieved through the Coastal Communities Fund Programme as the team prepares to launch another project this week.

The Council received £490,000 funding from the programme launched in 2012, which was developed to promote sustainable economic growth and jobs in coastal communities. A wide range of projects have so far been supported to encourage more people of all ages to visit our coastline.

Smoke Alarms

Residents in east Suffolk are being urged to test their smoke alarms daily and then once per month.

According to recent research, only 28% of all UK households who own a smoke alarm test it on a regular basis.

New 'one stop shop'

The new shared customer services facility in Woodbridge Library has officially opened and allows us to provide better customer services to local people by dealing with more things at the first point of contact. By creating this 'one stop shop' the Customer Services Team can deal with a wide range of enquiries, including council tax, housing benefit, tourism and much more.

People also can make appointments to see staff from other Council services, such as Planning.

Encouraging people to Switch your Council Tax to Direct Debit.

New Powers to tackle fly-tipping

The Suffolk Waste Partnership continues to warn anyone thinking of dumping waste in the County that new powers came into force on 9th May that allow local authorities to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to any person found to have fly-tipped.

Householders also have a legal duty of care to ensure that their waste does not end up being fly-tipped and can be prosecuted and fined up to £5,000.00 if convicted by a Court for failing to fulfil this duty. So to stay safe, always carry out the following SCRAP checks when arranging for your rubbish to be removed by anyone other than your local district or borough council.

If you see someone dumping rubbish, please report it to your local council along with the details that might help us to identify and trace those responsible, including the registration of any vehicle involved: 001394 444000.

A County First – Created a digital map created for east Suffolk Work to create a digital map showing free PC and WI-Fi locations in east Suffolk has now been completed – the first of its type in the County!

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/digital-map-for-east-suffolk/>

Power Cuts

Don't be left in the dark

There's a new number to call if you have a power cut.

Research by Energy Networks Association found that 72% of people don't know who to contact during a power cut, with many wrongly thinking they should call the electricity supplier they pay their bill to.

105 aims to solve this problem, providing you with an easy-to-remember number that will put you through to your electricity network operator – the company that manages the cables, wires and substations that bring electricity into local homes and businesses. 105 is a free service for all people in England, Scotland and Wales.

Open-air Cinema in Felixstowe

On Saturday 29th July a day is being dedicated to films for all the family to enjoy on the seafront – and we are looking for suggestions for which films to show.

The free, one-day event is being supported by Felixstowe Town Council's Youth Forum which has provided £2000 funding.

Leiston to benefit from Social Prescribing pilot

Suffolk Coastal has successfully received £35,000.00 in funding to help deliver an innovative health project in Leiston.

The aim for the project is to reduce the pressure on GP surgeries and A&E services by encouraging people to think of alternative self support through engagement with community groups, rather than visiting their doctor and discovering the holistic types of care available from appropriate registered health professionals and organisations as well as groups within the local community.

Tour of Britain comes to Suffolk Coastal

The country's top road cycling event is returning to the County – with a large part of one stage taking place in Suffolk Coastal.

The 183 – kilometre stage starts in Newmarket, then heads east across the county heading east from Newmarket to the finish in the centre of Aldeburgh, on the Suffolk Coast, with the race again sponsored by Suffolk Brewer Adnams.

Suffolk Armed Forces Weekend 2017 Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed to help say 'Thank You' to the armed forces – past and present.

To be held on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th June 2017 in Felixstowe.

New partnership seeks Independent Chair

The newly formed partnership for Leiston, Leiston Together, is looking for an Independent Chair to lead its Partnership Board.

For further information and to apply please contact Elspeth.gibson@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

On behalf of Suffolk Trading Standards

We have had many reports of traders going door to door across the County offering to sell chainsaws and generators. Reports have been received in Ipswich, Stowmarket and Beccles. Anyone who is offered goods for sale out the back of a van, by a person who approaches them in the street, or uninvited at the doorstep, should be highly suspicious. Goods sold in this way may be stolen, counterfeit, unsafe or simply overpriced.

Anyone who is suspicious of goods offered should report the matter to Suffolk Police by contacting 101, or by calling us via the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06.

Finally, sadly we have been asked to make people aware about: a dangerous new game that has hit social media.

The Blue Whale game is a dangerous game that is popular at the moment in Russia and spreading across Eastern Europe.

The game is played online and spreads through social media.

Players are appointed a "master/teacher" and these "masters/teachers" challenge the players in stages, to tattoo a Blue Whale somewhere on the body, usually the arm or the leg. As the game goes on the players are encouraged to self-harm and the final challenge is to commit suicide.

All these actions have to be filmed and shared via social media to the so called "master/teacher". The game is being played by children of all ages, some as young as primary age, but predominantly by teenagers.

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Not anything to report since the last meeting.

c) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Preparation continues on the questionnaire document which they are programming for distribution towards the end of the year.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A. PARISH ACTIONS

1) Village Green, Aldringham - The Chairman reported the Silver Jubilee Bench has been given a fresh coat of white paint. Wildflower seeds have been sprinkled on the green and also Mr Squirrell is to donate a Christmas tree which needs to be planted as soon as possible.

The Clerk reported the new posts have been delivered, the Chairman and Mr Squirrell will arrange to replace the rotten ones.

2) Clearing of footpaths - Eric and Alan are reviewing some of the footpaths in the village.

3) A quotation is being obtained for a new base to relocate the Memorial Bench on the cliff top.

B) GROUP ACTIONS

HERITAGE GROUP

1) Fisherman Hut & Car Park Thorpeness

Councillor Jones and the Chairman have spoken with representative from Norse and they are going to carryout work to cut back the overgrown vegetation and generally tidy areas on the Car Park.

ACTION: Norse

A formal letter from Mr Tony Rudd SCDC is expected very shortly which will state all the legal costs for the agreement.

ACTION: SCDC

2) SPORTS PAVILION

Following the 4th April 2017 meeting the Charity are still waiting for all the funds to be transferred over to them.

ACTION: The Trustees

8. PLANNING

DC/17/1513/FUL 7 Pilgrims Way, Thorpeness

Erection of single storey rear extension, first floor rear extension and new front porch - support this application.

DC/17/1742/FUL Tulip Cottage, Remembrance Road, Thorpeness

One and a half storey extension – support this application.

9. FINANCE

BUSINESS PREMIER ACCOUNT	£18969.78
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COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	£1376.08
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TO PAY

Coastal Building Supplies	£3.04 + £15.22 =	£18.26
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Nelson Potter Limited	£12.84 + £64.20 =	£77.04
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SALC Subscription		£332.19
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Ace com Printer		£95.00
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All agreed proposed Mr Squirrell and seconded Mr Mayhew

10. NEW ITEMS & CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Dr Therese Coffey Annual Report – Distribution
- b) Recycling in your Community in partnership with EAAA and The Salvation Army they are seeking suitable sites within communities to place clothing banks for the public to donate clothing and shoes.

DISTRIBUTION

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11. COUNCILLORS ROUNDUP

11. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 19th JUNE 2017

Signed
Chairman

19TH JUNE 2017