

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-THORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2019
TOWER ROOM, THORPENESS**

MINUTES

PRESENT: THE CHAIRMAN, 6 COUNCILLORS, 2 PARISHIONERS and 7 GUEST SPEAKERS

1. APOLOGIES

Mr S Squirrel, Mr B Crow, Mr D Mayhew Mrs S Tilbrook & Mrs Christine Laschet

2. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting

Good evening everybody and welcome to the Annual Parish Meeting, an opportunity for you the voluntary and community groups to share what you have been doing in the last twelve months and perhaps give a glimpse of your aspirations for the future.

As previously I will give my report at the end so as not to pre-empt what anyone else has to report.

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 5TH March 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

- A. St Andrews Church – Rev'd Mark Lowther
- B. Suffolk County Council – Councillor Russ Rainger
- C. Suffolk Coastal District Council – Councillors T. J. Haworth & Councillor Maureen Jones
- D. TCFG Coastal Protection – Mr Mike Chandler
- E. Heritage Group – Maureen Jones
- F. Safer Cycling – Mr M Laschet
- G. ImpACTS – Mr B Seale
- H. Trustees of Sports Field & Pavilion – Mr Eric Atkinson
- I. Good Neighbours – Mrs Pippa McLardy
- J. Coldfair Green School – Rev'd Mark Lowther
- K. Aldringham Village Hall – Pippa Byrne
- L. Neighbourhood Watch/Beach Clean – Mr B Crow read in his absence

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This year we have again struggled to find a full complement of Councillors, although as you have heard from the reports a number of individuals have come forward to do more in the community which is very promising for the future.

PLANNING

As always planning applications continue to occupy council time, however there were only 29 applications were considered, same number as last year, 21 were supported by the

Parish Council and 8 were not supported because of either location, design and/or scale of the proposed developments were not appropriate.

The site on Old Homes Road is nearing completion and we are told that work on the 40 houses in Aldringham should start soon.

The Local Plan full review and Site allocation process has been completed and the final draft has been issued for comment before submitting to the Inspector for approval. Our parish has not been allocated any additional housing as we have already contributed to the previous Plan. Aldringham has been designated as countryside as it has insufficient facilities to warrant it being a small village, however the provision of a village hall will reverse the allocation.

SIZEWELL

Sizewell C Phase 3 consultation, the final consultation, is now being undertaken and I urge everyone to submit their view on their proposals by 29th March 2019.

SPR WINDFARMS

East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two Windfarms Phase 4 Consultation, which is also the final consultation is currently being undertaken with the last Public Information Day being held in Leiston at Sizewell Sports & Social Club this Saturday 10 – 4.00 pm. Again, I hope you will respond to SPR by 26th March 2019.

COASTAL EROSION

Following a long awaited response Suffolk Coastal District Council will be working with us to prepare for a consultation event to be held this summer to gather views on the options available on how we should proceed with coastal management at Thorpeness.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

I would also like to mention a few more things that have happened over the year that have not been covered:

a) Traffic management continues to be an issue in the Parish and I hope you have all seen we have purchased a Speed Indication Device SID which we move around the two villages. The device counts the number of vehicles and records their speeds. The information is displayed on the website. Thank to Alan Williams who has been the lead on this project and made it happen.

b) Highways, verges and footpaths

We continue to raise issues with County Highways on the condition of the roads and more recently the condition of some of our signs. Again, I would urge you all to report your concerns to highways.

As mentioned last year the County Council have been looking at ways to engage with the Parishes to find ways in which we can collaborate to improve the highways, verges and footpaths. Pilot scheme are about to start.

c) Flooding

The housing development in Old Homes Road is coming to a completion and we have been having focused discussions with highways who are preparing a scheme which with the help of the developer and the owner of surrounding land should solve the problem.

Investigation work and surveys have been finalised and a draft scheme prepared which requires to be agreed with the owners of the Parrot and the field to the south before the scheme can be implemented.

d) Parish Website

Thanks to Tracy Norman who still continues to keep the Parish Website up and running.

e) Emergency Plan

Roger Brown has volunteered to use his skills in emergency planning to complete our Parish Emergency Plan. Good progress has been made and a useable draft is ready for use. Thanks to Roger.

f) Thorpeness Car Park – The two Leases for the land for a Heritage/Visitors Centre have been signed which will enable the work on building a heritage centre to get underway.

g) Allotment – We have successfully negotiated with SDCDC the transfer of the allotments in Aldringham to the Parish Council and are now drawing up plans to put them back into use.

PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Work on the neighbourhood plan was put on hold as there were many uncertainties that could have had a significant impact on the plan, including a full review of the Local Plan and Site allocations process, a feasibility study to provide affordable housing in Thorpeness, the Sizewell C and SPR Consultations and Coastal Management. These are now all coming to a conclusion therefore the time is right to resume work on the plan.

We intend to start by reviewing the work already carried out, and to understand if the above proposals have had an impact on that work.

FINALLY

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone including you, the local businesses, those who organise local leisure and recreational groups and all who have contributed time and effort in making Aldringham-cum-Thorpe a better place to live.

As mentioned at the beginning I hope we can continue to identify opportunities where we can work together and grow our community in a way that will ensure we have an enriching and sustainable future.

I would especially like to thank my fellow councillors for all they do for the Parish and on their behalf, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Shirley for all the work she does behind the scenes.

6. MEETING OPENED FOR QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Signed
Chairman

Date: 2nd March 2020