

ALDRINGHAM CUM THORPE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on 24TH JULY 2023
THE OGILVIE PAVILION & SPORTS GROUND
MINUTES

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: MAUREEN JONES, SARA PAULLEY, WILLIAM SEALE & TONY WHEELER
EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL COUNCILLOR SARAH WHITELOCK & 1 PARISHIONER

PARISHIONERS FORUM

1. APOLOGIES

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCILLOR T.J HAWORTH-CULF

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the last meeting held on 19th June 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. REPORTS

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR T. J HAWORTH-CULF

The July report can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR SARAH WHITELOCK

Improving access to private rented housing in East Suffolk

A new scheme, which will help East Suffolk residents to better access private rented housing, has been launched.

Approved by East Suffolk Council's cabinet on Tuesday 11 July 2023 a new lettings partnership – East Suffolk Lettings – will be created, along with the introduction of a new Guaranteed Rent Scheme, to increase residents access to the private rented sector and minimise the use of temporary accommodation.

East Suffolk Lettings will encourage landlords to work with the Council, by charging a lower rent, at Local Housing Allowance or within 10%. Landlords will be offered a financial incentive based on the difference in cost between what they would have been able to charge, compared to the lower rate they are charging. In return, the Council will guarantee the rent is paid on time, each month and will provide support to the tenant to ensure

tenancy is managed appropriately. This will include completing inventories, three-monthly home visits to check on the condition of the property, supporting with benefit claims, and managing utilities.

Funded through the Homelessness Prevention Grant, received from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, the scheme will be offered on a two-year pilot basis and if successful will become a permanent service.

Helping Families Access Affordable School Uniform

Community groups, organisations and town and parish councils are invited to apply for funding to help provide school uniform to East Suffolk families in need.

The East Suffolk Uniform Bank grant scheme provides funding for community groups to open a new uniform bank or expand an existing uniform bank. Once operational, donations of new or pre-loved good-quality uniform, sportswear and school equipment can be made to the banks, which will then be made available to families who may be struggling to afford uniform.

Applications are welcome from community and voluntary groups, organisations and town and parish councils. Dependent on capacity and need, successful applicants may be encouraged to also offer interview clothing and prom wear to assist families with older children. Grants are available for up to £3,000 and applications close on 28th July 2023. For further details, please contact gemma.fraser@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

East Suffolk Services Limited Launches

As part of its commitment to seek the best possible value for money for residents, businesses and all local stakeholders, East Suffolk Council agreed to create a 'Local Authority Trading Company' (LATCo) in the Autumn of 2021, enabling it to play a more direct and influential role in how important services are delivered.

The company, now called East Suffolk Services Ltd (ESSL), operates as an 'arms-length' commercial business, separate to the Council and is responsible for delivering crucial council services such as waste and recycling collection, grounds maintenance and street cleansing.

"The decision to create East Suffolk Services was taken in part to help us deliver environmental changes, such as new fuels, more efficient vehicles and different approaches to waste management. This commitment could not be more timely, and we will work together to achieve our ambitions in this area."

The Tour of Britain: Suffolk Stage

Suffolk will be hosting a full stage of the prestigious race, with Felixstowe seeing the start and finish of stage five on Thursday 7th September. Over 100 of the world's best riders will weave through our gorgeous countryside, with Kesgrave, Framlingham, Leiston and

Woodbridge all featuring. The anticipation has already begun, with a media campaign showing race-related imagery projected onto Framlingham Castle, Orwell Bridge and an Apache helicopter at Wattisham Airbase. Previously over 400,000 people watched the Tour of Britain as it visited Suffolk, generating over £8.5 million of economic benefit for the county. East Suffolk Council is an official partner of stage five.

5. PARISH & GROUP ACTIONS

PARISH ACTIONS

- a) Complaints received about fly tipping Asbestos in a garage and some has been dumped in brambles in Thorpeness. East Suffolk Council have investigated this and advised that it is the landowners responsibility to have this removed.
- b) The Chairman reported to Suffolk County Council sand on the road and also the white and yellow line markings are in need of repainting in Thorpeness.

GROUP ACTIONS

Thorpeness & Aldringham Heritage Group

1. The Dolphin Village Fete is being held on Saturday 5th August 2023 starting at 12.00 – 3.00 p.m. some group members will be there to hold a stall.

ACTION: Heritage Group
Members

2. The Ogilvie Pavilion & Sports Ground

A Classic Car Rally is being held on Sunday 27th August 2023 commencing at 10.00 – 4.00pm. There will be a good number of stalls, barbecue, live music and bar.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Work continues by the Steering Group, Laura Mundy and Andrea Long on the draft policies for the community consultation which is planned to be held around September.

It was reported the Steering Group and landowners have met with Philip Ridley East Suffolk Council where talks were very productive.

7. ENERGY PROJECTS

Scottish Power – EA1N & EA2 and National Grid connection hub

These projects are currently subject to separate judicial review applications

Last Friday judgement was received that unfortunately the SASES judicial review based on a number of substantive planning issues has been heard in the High Court but was unsuccessful. This decision has been appealed to the Court of Appeal which has accepted the appeal and the hearing is due in December this year.

Zoe Botten with her colleague Richard Knight will be attending our next meeting on 4th September to provide us with an update regarding schedules of works and to answer any questions we may have regarding Sizewell C.

The latest Information received from East Suffolk Council on all the energy projects can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

8. PLANNING

Councillor Wheeler reported on the Planning Forum which he attended on 7th July 2023. He found it interesting and it gave him an opportunity meet and talk with members from other Parish Councils on their issues, especially the timescale for responding on planning applications was a major topic of discussion.

DC/23/2312/FUL Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement dwelling with basement, car port, landscaping and swimming pool.

Lakeside, 21 Lakeside Avenue, Thorpeness – **Object**

DC/23/2412/CLP Certificate of Lawful Use (Proposed) – Removal of existing caravan and replacement with new caravan for private holiday and recreational use

Thorpe Lodge, The Fens, Aldringham – **Object**

DC/23/2520/FUL

Creation of vehicular access

Conifer Lodge, Aldeburgh Road, Aldringham – **Object**

DC/23/2543/FUL

Replacement dwelling – The proposal will see the demolition of the existing 1960's building on site to be replaced with a new sustainable modern building as well as the construction of a separate pool house towards the rear of the site.

The Crow's Nest, North End Avenue, Thorpeness

9. CIL EXPENDITURE UPDATE

The following actions have been taken on CIL Expenditure Items

New speed Indicator to be located in Thorpeness

Councillor Wheeler reported he has taken delivery of the new Speed Indicator Device.

Councillors Seale and Wheeler will arrange a date for installing this and it was agreed for safety purposes to purchase some road safety cones to use whilst carrying out the work.

Councillor Wheeler is willing to set up and monitor the data, but there will be a need for someone to take over the moving and positioning of the device in the future.

ACTION: Councillors Wheeler & Seale

New bus shelter near Aldringham Court

We have been in consultation with the Aldringham Court Care Home Management for their approval on the design, colour etc., and they are very pleased with the proposal.

Confirm has been received from Suffolk County Council stating they are unable to provide a bus shelter near Aldringham Court and they are happy for us to fully fund and be responsible for the new shelter.

ACTION: Councillor Seale & Aldringham Court & SCC

New Information Boards for an Aldringham Trail

The Heritage Group are planning to replicate the trail around Aldringham and Fens area with information boards and printed maps. The timescale is hoped to be in place before Easter 2024. The Parish Council will assist with funding from CIL.

ACTION: Heritage Group & Parish Council

10. FINANCE

BUSINESS ACCOUNT	£41,893.88*
* includes interest 6 Mar – 4 Jun £77.43	
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	£78,533.20*
* includes Allotment Rent £30.00	
* includes VAT refund £3,358.87	
TO PAY	
Heart 2 Heart	£330.00
Screwbolt Fixing Limited £12.60 + £2.52 VAT =	£15.12
Kyle Baggott	£160.00
Wave Allotment Water Charge £35.56 + £7.12 VAT =	£42.68
Elan City £3476.29 + £695.26 VAT =	£4,171.55

All agreed proposed Councillor Jones, seconded Councillor Paulley

11. NEW ITEMS & CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Unfortunately Councillor Caroline Donsworth has had to make the decision to resign from the Parish Council. We now have only four Parish Councillors an advert is on the Parish Council website and will be included in the August Newsletter in an effort to gain some interest from parishioners to join the Parish Council.
- b) Church Lane Junction over grown vegetation was report from a resident. We have been advised this is not the responsibility of Suffolk County Council and needs to be reported to the landowner for action. Contact will be made to ask if this could be cut back to allow better visibility when approaching the junction.

DISTRIBUTION

Proud Connections

12. COUNCILLORS ROUND-UP

- 1) Repair work along the Sanctuary Road is due to commence on Monday 31st July 2023, residents have been advised the road will be closed whilst the work is being carried out.

13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 4th September 2023

SIGNED

CHAIRMAN

4th SEPTEMBER 2023