

THRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Thrandeston Parish Council held at 7.30 on **Monday 4 July 2016** in Thrandeston Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors Goff Hawes, Andrew Colchester, Sharon Colchester, Alison Murton and Jerry Cotter. Also in attendance six members of the public, District Councillor Burn (left 20.25) and County Councillor Jessica Fleming (arrived 19.53, left 19.48) and the Clerk (Sarah Foote).

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Chairman's opening remarks

Verge cutting.

3. To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from members on any item to be discussed.

None.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

A parishioner asked if fishing was permitted in the Pond on the Green. It was confirmed that it was once permitted but had been stopped as it had caused too much noise, litter and there were fears around pollution from the water. It was noted that sign nearby needed to be removed or amended to reflection the Parish Council's current stance on fishing in on the pond. *Action: Cllr Hawes.* It was agreed that the Parish Council would agenda an item for the next meeting to further discuss if fishing should be permitted.

A second parishioner commented that a Pyramid Orchid was growing on Green. He also asked if white lines could be painted across the road near to the second railway arch. Give way signs were already present in the location. *Action: Clerk.*

Lastly, a parishioner had questions about the lack of cattle on the Marsh. He was advised this matter should be covered in the Commons Co-ordinator report but if not the parishioner would be permitted to ask questions again during the meeting.

Mid Suffolk District Council – Cllr Burn reported the current Chief Exec leaving the Council and that the 280 housing development on Eye Airfield had been approved. A consultation on devolution, a concept all Councils in Suffolk had approved, would be forthcoming with a closing date of 19 August. It was agreed the Clerk would circulated any information received on the consultation.

Cllr Burn also reported that MSDC did not have a five year land supply. All Councils are obliged to try and achieve this and need sufficient land to build the number of houses required in the area over the next few years. A new call for sites would be coming out. Last year the call was for land of six hectares for more, as they did not get enough sites of 0.25 or more hectares would be considered.

Suffolk County Council – Cllr Fleming asked for initial thoughts on if the Parish Council would be willing to take on the cutting of the verges with funding from the County Council and that the nearest crossing likely to be affected by the Network Rail consultation was Rectory Road Mellis which may be downgraded to a public footpath.

Cllr Fleming also reported on the Public Consultation on devolution and encouraged people to look and respond.

5. To consider confirming the minutes of the meeting of 3 May 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 May 2016 were agreed as a true record of the meeting

6. To note matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 3 May 2016

None.

7. The Common

a) Report from the Commons Co-ordinator – Cllr A Colchester read his report as appended to the minutes. The parishioner who was concerned about the lack of cattle on the Marsh was content with the response as detailed in the report.

b) Three year contract for cutting of Little Green – no quotations had been received and Cllrs Colchester reminded the Council that it was difficult to find contractors willing to take on this work. It was hoped quotations may be received before the next meeting as the current contractor had expressed an interest in the work.

c) To receive a report on funding for improvements to Village Hall car park. The Parish Council were grateful to the County Councillor for her Locality Funding for the works and along with two other offers of financial support the work should commence by the beginning of August and when the conditions had improved.

8. Procedural

a) The Statement of Significant variances for the year ending 31 March 2016 was noted and had been submitted for external audit with the Annual Return.

b) The Internal Audit Report for year ending 31 March 2016 was read by Councillors and it was noted there were no matters which required attention.

9. Finance

Signed Chairman..... Clerk

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9. Finance

- a) The Clerk confirmed the bank account to a balance of £5706.38 which included a VAT Reclaim of £145.26 for the year ending 31 March 2016.
 b) It was agreed to make the following payments...

Amount	Payee	Details	Chq No	Power
87.61	Sarah Foote	Clerk's salary June and July 2016	100548	LGA 1972 S112(i)
£33.02	Sarah Foote	Clerk's expenses June and July 2016	100549	LGA 1972 S111
£9.80	HMRC	PAYE June and July 2016	100550	
£42.00 inc VAT	Mid Suffolk District Council	Annual Dog Litter Bin Emptying fee	100551	LGA 1972 S111
£200.40	Community Action Suffolk	Annual Insurance Premium (long term agreement expires 2017)	100552	LGA 1972 S111
£135.46	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Annual Subscription	100553	LGA 1972 S111

10. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted:

Date received	From	Subject
22.06.16	Parishioner	Cattle grazing on the Marsh
21.06.16	Mid Suffolk District Council	Town and Parish Newsletter June 2016
21.06.16	Mellis Parishioner	Fly Tipping in Judas Lane
09.06.16	Mid Suffolk District Council	Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) guidance for Town and Parish Councils
20.05.16	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	NJC Salary Payscales 2016-18

11. Consultations

The following consultations were noted:

- a) Network Rail – Level Crossing Consultation (Crossing Reduction Strategy)
 b) Suffolk County Council – Countryside Access Consultation

12. Urgent Matters

13. Date of next meeting and agenda items – Monday 5 September 2016.

- consider application to Natural England for a grant to support the purchase of fencing for the Marsh.
- Verge cutting. Could the Council provide this service and insurance implications?
- Fishing in the pond on the Green.

Meeting Closing 20.35.

Signed Chairman..... Clerk
 Date