THRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Thrandeston Parish Council held at 7.30 on **Monday 4 September 2017** in Thrandeston Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors Goff Hawes (Chairman), Andrew Colchester, Sharon Colchester, Jerry Cotter and Alison Murton, the Clerk (Sarah Foote), District Councillor and two members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence - None.
2. Chairman's opening remarks
3. There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from members on any item to be discussed.
4. PUBLIC FORUM

No matters were raised.

District Councillor Burn asked the Parish Council, in conjunction with the MSDC office move to Ipswich, what they wanted from their District Council in terms of contact, visibility etc. Cllr Burn suggested this could be an item for a future meeting. Cllr Burn reported on the proposed changes which were being recommended by the Electoral Commission warding review. A discussion then took place on the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan draft

5. To consider confirming the minutes of the meeting of 4 July 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2017 were agreed as a true record of the meeting

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 4 July 2017

499/11c - Funding for village hall (£1800 section 106 and £1700 Eye Airfield Wind Turbine fund) – Cllr Murton reported that the project had been agreed as a suspended ceiling for energy conservation and there had been difficulty in obtaining quotations. The Clerk confirmed she had partly completed the application forms and the above information was required before they could be submitted to MSDC for approval.

7. The Common

a. The Commons Co-ordinator gave their report as appended to the minutes. It was agreed to contact David Whiting at Natural England with a copy of the report and ask for his urgent advice on topping the Marsh, particularly before the deadline of 1 October. *Action: Clerk.*

It was agreed to spend a maximum of £250 on re-digging the drain on the Marsh as an emergency and necessary expenditure. *Action: Cllr A Colchester to organise work.*

The management of the hay on the green was still a concern and a discussion took place on if it could be grazed by sheep earlier in the season, perhaps two weeks in May, to generate a better crop of hay in June. It was agreed this would be further considered at the next meeting. *Action: Agenda next meeting.*

20.30 County Councillor Fleming arrived and gave her report of the strategic priorities which had recently been agreed at the County Council. Cllr Hawes expressed concerned that the road close to the Marsh/Little Green had been marked for repair but the Mellis Road was in worse condition and should be treated as a priority.

b. Deed of Grant for Access to Honeysuckle Cottage – a request had been received by the proprietor's solicitor for the Parish Council to consider granting access across the Parish Council owned section of Little Green outside Honeysuckle Cottage. It was agreed that the Parish Council would seek more information from villages within the vicinity if charges were applicable for such a grant and meet again in due course to agree a response to the solicitors in question.

8. Consultations - Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan

a. The consultation was noted.

b. No one was available to attend the Town and Parish Council event in Eye on 13 September.

9. Governance

The external audit report for the year ending 31 March 2017 was noted. There were no matters arising which needed the Council's attention. It was duly agreed to accept the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2017.

10. Finance

a) The Clerk confirmed the bank account to a balance £7,033.24 which included the VAT refund for 2016/17 financial year and a 2017/18 Transparency Code payment.

b) It was agreed to make the following payments...

Amount	Payee	Details	Chq No	Power
£268.50 less HMRC	Sarah Foote	Clerk's salary August and September 2017	100527	LGA 1972 S112(i)
£28.20	Sarah Foote	Clerk's office expense August and September 2017	100528	LGA 1972 S112(i)
£9.00	Anglia Book Keeping	Payroll	100529	LGA 1972 S111
£30.00	Suffolk Preservation Society	Annual Subscription	100530	LGA 1972 S111

Signed ..... Chairman..... Clerk

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11. Correspondence

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

Date received	From	Subject
03.08.17	Parishioner	Verge at Great Green
24.08.17	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Litter Strategy
20.07.17	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Reform of Data Protection Law

12. Urgent Matters - none.

13. Date of next meeting and agenda items – Monday 6 November 2017.

Meeting Closed 21.11.

Signed ..... Chairman..... Clerk

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