**Minutes of the Meeting of Thrandeston Parish Council held on 7th January 2019.**

**Present:**

Councillors Sharon Colchester, Jerry Cotter, and Alison Murton.

Philip Freeman – Parish Clerk.

District Councillor Burn.

Two members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

* Councillor Andrew Colchester and County Councillor Jessica Fleming

1. Resignation of the Chairman and Election of new Chairman.

* Councillor Goff had resigned as Chairman and from the Parish Council due to ill-health.
* Councillor Murton was elected as Chairman proposed by Councillor S Colchester and seconded by Councillor Cotter.

1. Chairman’s opening remarks

* The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Councillor Hawes for all he had done as Chairman and for the village. It was agreed that the Clerk will write a letter of thanks to him **Action: The Clerk.**

1. To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from members on any agenda item. To consider any requests for dispensations.

* None.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th November 2018.

* The minutes of the meetings were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

1. Matters arising from the minutes:

**Action Points** action taken in red font**:**

* Letter to local farmers asking for quotations for cutting the grass verges in Thrandeston once information has been received from Councillor Fleming and it has been discussed at the next meeting. **Action: The Clerk.** The Clerk and Councillor A Colchester will meet to discuss the work to be undertaken**. Action: The Clerk and Councillor A Colchester.** The Parish Council is waiting for a decision on this by Suffolk County Council.
* Apply for grit bins once funding confirmed by Councillor Fleming. **Action: The Clerk.** Nothing to report.
* Item for the agenda of the next meeting: budget and precept for 2019/2020. . **Action: The Clerk.** Completed.

1. **Notification of any urgent business.**

* **None.**

**Public Forum.**

* The track will be considered later in the meeting.

1. Correspondence received.

* Various documents from SALC.
* Town and Parish Council Newsletter.
* Various emails from the Highways Department Suffolk County Council.
* New Electoral Register.
* Safer Neighbourhood Team.
* District and Polling Places Review 2018.
* SNT Newsletter.
* Suffolk Accident Rescue Service.
* Correspondence has continued with the Highways Department about the problem of pot holes. If repairs are not carried out on the pot holes on the Mellis Road it was agreed that the designation as part of the National Cycle Route should be removed. **Action: The Clerk.**

1. The Common
   1. Report from the Commons Co-ordinator.

* The situation over grazing on the Common following Mr Ling’s death will be considered at a later date.
* It was agreed that the cutting of the Marsh had been a successful operation and good value for money.

1. Repairs to the track around the Green.

* It was agreed that contractors should be approached for quotations to repair the track. **Action: Councillor A Colchester and Councillor Cotter.**
* There was no more information about the recent request for a Deed of Easement.

1. Highway matters:
   1. Cutting of grass verges.

* Nothing to report.

1. Finances and financial report.
   1. Balances on Accounts 29th November 2018.
      1. Current account: £8,887.44.

* The bank balance was noted.
  1. Financial report and bank reconciliation.
* Detailed accounts had been given to Councillors, which recorded all items of income and expenditure, and compared them to the budget. The spreadsheet also showed both as a percentage of the budget.
* The accounts were to the date of this meeting and included a bank reconciliation.
* There were no questions from Councillors.
  1. Budget 2019/2020 and Precept.
     1. Grant power of dispensation to the Clerk on the matter of the Parish Council’s decision on its annual precept. Item ii.below.
* Councillors completed forms to apply for dispensation so they could agree the annual precept, and this was granted by the Clerk.
  + 1. Precept and Budget 2019/2020.
* The proposed budget had been sent to Councillors and following a discussion it was agreed; and the precept will be set at £2,500. Proposed by Councillor S Colchester and seconded by Councillor Cotter.
  1. To authorise cheques for signature:

N.B. Cheque signatories to initial cheque stub and invoice.

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| **Payee** | **Details** | **Cheque Number** | **Amount** | **Power** |
| P Freeman | Clerk’s Pay and Expenses |  | £232.29 | LGA 1972 S112 |
| HMRC | PAYE |  | £53.59 | LGA 1972 S112 |
| Robert Coe Agriculture | Work on the Marsh |  | £270.00 | LGA 1972 s111 |

* It was unanimously agreed to pay the invoices listed above, proposed by Councillor Cotter and seconded by Councillor S Colchester.
  1. Requests for financial support: SARS.
* Following a discussion it was agreed not to make a donation.
  1. Receipts:
     1. None.

1. Dates of Meetings 2019 – change date of Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

* It was unanimously agreed to change the date of the meeting to Thursday 16 May 2019.

1. 2018 Review of Polling Districts, Polling Stations and Polling Places.

* The review polling districts, polling stations and polling places recommended the closure of the polling station in Thrandeston and that local people should vote in Palgrave.
* Following a discussion it was agreed that although this meant a loss of income to the Village Hall and inconvenience to local people it was inevitable as a money-saving exercise. However, it was agreed that Mellis should be the alternative polling station that people from Thrandeston should use.

1. Thrandeston Village Hall as a community building.

In the discussion the following points were made:

* In order to qualify for grants there needs to be a significant increase in use of the Village Hall.
* The Hall belongs to the Church of England.
* The main sources of income are the annual hog roast, the upholstery class, the beading group and table tennis.
* It will be difficult to extend the building but there is a steady increase in demand for its use.
* The Village Hall Committee has organised a wine and cheese evening to discuss its future.

1. Planning:
   1. Applications:
      1. A140 Roundabouts and Link Road improvement scheme.

The following was agreed as the Parish Council’s response:

* It would seem that at busy times of the day there will be traffic backing up along the A140 awaiting entrance onto the new roundabout. This will prevent traffic from turning right out of the Thrandeston junction. Putting a central island in the road for traffic to wait in would only add to delays and the island would only accommodate a limited number of cars and probably would not be large enough to contain a long HGV vehicle. If a large vehicle (some straw units are 60’ long) is attempting to turn left into the Thrandeston junction when vehicles are waiting to turn right out of the junction there will be a grid lock situation as the large vehicle would require the full width of the junction to make a left hand turn and would be prevented from doing so by the vehicles waiting to turn right.
* The junction off the A140 is the only practical route large vehicles can use in or out of the village. The roads leading to the A143 are either via a low railway bridge or are not suitable for HGV’s because they are narrow, poorly maintained and lined with low overhanging trees.
* The potential for hold ups on the A140 will force traffic through the village in search of alternative routes and Thrandeston will become a rat run. It cannot be assumed that is only Thrandeston residents using Thrandeston’s roads.
* It would appear that new roundabout is simply going to move the accident black spot from the Eye junction to the Thrandeston junction.
* The problem could easily be solved be re-routing the Thrandeston road to enter the A140 directly onto the roundabout. This, however, would only solve the problem of the Thrandeston turn off.
  + 1. Application for Screening Opinion - DC/18/05578 Proposal:

Screening Opinion (EIA) - Realignment of approved high voltage cable route and installation of a new water pipeline in association with the Progress Power Station.

Location: Land West of Leys Lane Yaxley and land between Leys Lane and Potash Lane Eye, In the Parishes of Yaxley and Eye.

* It was agreed not to comment.
  + 1. Application For Screening Opinion - DC/18/05606

Proposal: Screening Opinion (EIA) - Creation of temporary access road between the A140 and Leys Lane, Yaxley. Location:

Land Between A140 And Leys Lane, Yaxley.

* It was agreed not to comment.
  1. Applications – no decisions to date:
     1. Various Applications for Progress Power Station listed previously.
  2. Planning decisions:
     1. Approved: None.
     2. Refused: None.
     3. Discharge of Conditions: None.
  3. Withdrawn: None.
  4. Appeal by: None.

1. AOB - Any items raised earlier but not for an extended discussion or decisions and items for inclusion at the meeting on 4th March 2019.

* None.

Meeting closed at 8:22 p.m.