

THRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Thrandeston Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on **Monday 15 September 2014** in Thrandeston Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors David Burn, Laurence Conroy, Nicky Garrett, Michael Mortlock and Gill Stebbings. Also in attendance six members of the public and Clerk (Sarah Foote)

PUBLIC FORUM

Clive Stevens of the Eye Airfield Memorial Group Project gave a presentation on the presence of the American Eight Air Force in the Eye area, and in particular the 490th division that was based at Eye, and of the Group's plans for a memorial on Eye Airfield.

A representative of the village hall committee thanked all those who had helped with the Hog Roast event in June. £1200 was made at the event.

The meeting commenced at 20.16.

1. Apologies for absence – PCSO Faulkner and County Councillor Jessica Fleming.

2. Chairman's opening remarks

Cllr Burn had welcomed all those present at the start of the meeting prior to the presentation.

3. Councillors' Declarations of Interest

Cllr Garrett declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application 2473/14 as listed in agenda item 7A. Councillors were reminded of the requirement for them to individually update their Register of Interests as appropriate.

4. Approval of minutes of meeting of 7 July and 8 August

The minutes of the meeting of 7 July and 8 August 2014 were unanimously agreed and were duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from minutes of meeting of 7 July and 8 August

None.

6. Procedural

It was unanimously agreed to approve and accept the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2014.

7. Planning

a. The following planning application which had been received since publication of the agenda was considered:

Ref	Location	Application Details
2473/14	Ruskin House, Mellis Road	Change of use of land for the siting of a caravan.

20.32 The meeting was closed to allow the applicant to provide Councillors with additional information, some of which was not included in the consultation provided by Mid Suffolk District Council, and for Councillors to ask a range of questions. 20.51 Meeting reconvened.

As a consequence of the above discussion, the Parish Council were of the understanding that should the change of use of land permission be granted the intended caravan siting would be for a temporary period and would not become a permanent fixture. In addition to this, the Council were assured that a fence would be screen the caravan siting from the road. Providing these two criteria were conditioned on any permission granted, it was proposed and agreed, three votes in favour and two abstentions (one being Cllr Burn due to his membership of the Mid Suffolk District Council Planning Committee) to recommend SUPPORT for this application.

b) There were no planning determinations to note.

c) Other planning matters – correspondence from the owners of Church Farm, in relation to their planning application ref 1182/14, use of land for siting of three marquees for holding events was noted. It was understood that this correspondence had also been circulated to parishioners.

8. The Common Committee

A report of the Committee Meeting held on 10 September was given by Cllr Conroy. Minutes of the minute would be supplied and appended. *Action: Cllr Conroy.* The main points were summarised as:

Management of Little Green at the Marsh - it had been decided an on-going, long term plan was needed and this matter would be revisited in the winter when the leaves were not on the trees.

The Marsh - three quotations had been received for the capital works, Cllr Conroy would liaise with successful contractor and it was envisaged the work would take place in November.

Little Green - future management had been discussed, in particular next year's cut and the HLS agreement.

Removal of Chestnut Tree – agreed that the Tree Warden would apply for permission for the tree to be removed.

Signed

Date

Chairman.....

Clerk

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9. Highways

Rail Embankment

- a) A report of a meeting with AMCO and Suffolk County Council held on 11 July 2014 as given by the Chairman.
- b) Consideration was given to the AMCO offer of £300 as compensation for lack of planting scheme at the embankment. It was agreed to accept the funds which would be used for biodiversity off-set. *Action: Clerk to request money from AMCO.*

The drainage issues were still to be resolved between Suffolk County Council and AMCO. *Action: Clerk to liaise with SCC Highways.*

Speeding Traffic – Cllr Garrett would liaise with Suffolk County Council on the placement of speed data recorders. *Action: Clerk and Cllr Garrett.*

10. Planning Inspectorate Examination – Proposed Gas Power Station

Cllr Burn reported that, as per the delegated authority at the 8 August meeting, the Working Group had submitted a joint written representation to the Planning Inspectorate detailing the numerable adverse impacts on the local communities. The submission included an extensive report commissioned by the Working Group from a qualified landscape architect. The examination period had begun on 25 July and would last for six months and there would be further opportunities to make representations. All the Eye Airfield Parishes Working Group (EAPWG) member Parish Councils had confirmed financial contributions to the Group and private donations had also been received. A risk assessment and memorandum of understanding (money management scheme) was to be produced and circulated to EAPWG members for approval. These documents, in draft, had been copied to Thrandeston Parish Councillors who were content with the detailed arrangements.

11. Thrandeston Fuel Fund

£75.21 of funds from the former Thrandeston Fuel Charity Account had been transferred to the Parish Council bank account and it was unanimously agreed that this money should be donated to village organisations. It was, therefore, agreed to make a donation of £37.50 each to both the Village Hall Committee and the Parochial Church Council (LGA 1972 Section 133 and 137 respectively apply). *Action: Clerk to issue cheques*

12. Correspondence

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

Date received	From	Subject
08.09.14	DeFRA	New Common Agricultural Policy Schemes
05.09.14	Mid Suffolk District Council	Town and Parish Newsletter September 2014
04.09.14	Rural Payments Agency	Rural Land Register – changes to land in Thrandeston
21.08.14	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Mid Suffolk North Area Meeting – 17 September
20.08.14	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	The Local Councillor – Issue 3 2014
06.08.14	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014

13. Consultations

- a) Suffolk County Council – the future of Children's Centres in Suffolk
- b) Suffolk County Council Gypsy and Traveller Short Stay Stopping sites – to note that this consultation was launched and later stopped pending reconsideration of sites and other matters.

14. Finance

- a) The current financial statement, including a spend against budget report, was presented to Councillors and is appended to the minutes. It was noted that a VAT reclaim of £145.15 for the year ending 31 March 2014 had been received.

- b) The following payments were considered:

Amount	Payee	Details	Cheque No	Power
£230.40	M B Farm Services	Cutting of Little Green incl. baling and carting away		
It was agreed to defer consideration of payment of this invoice pending receipt of further information and a correctly addressed invoice.				
£28.11	S Foote	Clerk's expenses (postage, stationery, mileage and telephone) – July and August.	100416	LGA 1972 s111(1)

Signed
 Date 15/2014 Chairman..... Clerk

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15. Urgent Matters

None.

Parish Council update -

16. Date of next meeting and agenda items – Monday 3 November 2014.

17. Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 at 21.50 the meeting was closed to the public Correspondence received from the former Clerk was considered and it was agreed to respond detailing what action should be taken on the transfer of Parish Council property (electronic documents).

The salary claim for the Clerk (S Foote) was considered and it was agreed to pay the additional hours which had been worked during the last six months.

Signed  Chairman.....  Clerk
Date 15/09/2014