**Minutes of the Meeting of Thrandeston Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st July 2021 in Thrandeston Village Hall.**

# Present:

Councillors Andrew Colchester, Anthony Ronchetti, David Rose, Colin Swinbourne and Alison Murton.

District Councillor David Burn

Philip Freeman - Parish Clerk.

Five members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence.
   * + County Councillor Jessica Fleming
2. Chairman's Opening Remarks
   * + The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and said it was good to see everyone in person.
3. To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from members on any agenda item. To consider any requests for dispensations.
   * + None.
4. Minutes of the previous meeting.
   * + The minutes of the previous meetings were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.
5. Matters arising from the minutes:

**Action Points:**

* The Clerk will check the insurance cover for litter picks. **Action: The Clerk.** Completed. Volunteers are covered as long as there is a risk assessment covering the activity
* The Clerk will report the posts for the footpath signposts need replacing. Cllr Colchester offered to erect the new posts, if necessary. **Action: The Clerk.** Completed but no action and the Clerk will follow this up again.
* The Clerk will respond to the planning application in which the Parish Council will support the application as it will attract tourism and business. **Action: The Clerk.** Completed.
* The Clerk will contact the Rural Payments Agency about clearing the area between the two rail bridges to plant wildflowers. **Action: The Clerk.** Completed but no action and the Clerk will follow this up again.
* The Clerk will contact Councillor Burn about the planning permission for the land next to Kiln Farm. **Action: The Clerk.** Completed.

1. Notification of any urgent business.

* None.

**Public Forum.**

* Report from Councillor Jessica Fleming, Hartismere Division, Suffolk

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**Highway Safety and Grass verge Cutting –** Concerns expressed by local residents and users of the BP filling station about visibility at the A143 exit and other junctions are noted and have been conveyed to the Cabinet member for highways. According to the verge cutting schedule, the A143 is due to be cut for the 2nd time on 26th July (overnight), it can be found on: [Grass cutting 2021 target dates (SCC website) Update200721.xlsx (suffolk.gov.uk)](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/Roads-and-transport/Grass-cutting-2021/Suffolk-Grass-2021-AB-Target-Dates-SCC-Website-Update-200721-updated-20-July-2021.pdf)

Other safety issues have been reported in connection with use of the A140 and new roundabouts, including lorries overturning, all of which I have reported to Suffolk Highways to look into.

**Independent Review of Suffolk County Council’s SEND services** - A multi-agency team from Lincolnshire will carry out an independent review into Special Education Needs and Disabilities provision. The review starts at the end of June and will be completed in mid. August. About 18,000 young people are supported through SEND services, which is about double the 2014 number. If you would like to participate in this review, then please share your experiences of SEND services within Suffolk County Council by email at [SendReview@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:SendReview@suffolk.gov.uk).

**Suffolk Recycling Centres Update –** Post July 19th social distancing requirements at recycling sites are being relaxed, as are some other limitations such as the 2-axel trailer rule Please refer to the accompanying flyer: Bookings can be made online via <https://suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres/suffolk-recycling-centres-booking-page> or by calling 0345 606 6067.. Further changes are planned after 16th August.

**Locality Budgets** – The County Council locality scheme is now open again for applications. Please get in touch if any local projects need financial support.

**Progress Power, Eye and Mellis –**After several years dormancy, minor works commenced on the main site near Eye on 28th June 2021. Information about the project is on <https://www.drax.com/about-us/our-projects/progress-power/> A Community Liaison Group is being set up and nearby parishes have been invited to join.

**West Suffolk Hospital Trust New Build** – The SCC Health Scrutiny Committee has an observer role on plans for the replacement of WSH by a new hospital, the preferred (adjacent) location is Hardwick Manor. Information about public engagement and an online feedback form can be found on <https://www.wsh.nhs.uk/New-healthcare-facility/>

**Covid-19 Update** - bulletins are available on [via the Suffolk County Council website](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/suffolks-response/suffolk-coronawatch-bulletin/).

* **Report from District Councillor David Burn.**
  + Councillor Burn gave an update on the planning application for the land next to kiln farm.
* An application has been made for a discharge of Condition 6 which covers the access splay, and it is for retrospective approval.
* There have been breaches of the planning consent and an enforcement case is running.
* There has been no application for the land as it is currently being used.
* Directions signs to Marsh Farm:
* There are three signs to Marsh Farm including one on the A143.
* Councillor Burn will follow this up.
* The sign by the gate to the marsh is affecting access to the gate.

**Councillor Burn send the following information on the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**

The NPPF first appeared in March 2012, and it was revised in 2018 and 2019. The [**fourth revision**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2) was published recently on 20 July. It is the core document used by England’s local planning authorities in determining planning applications. It sets out the government’s planning policies and how they are expected to be applied. In a [**Ministerial Statement**](https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2021-07-20/debates/21072053000030/BuildingBeautifulPlaces) Secretary of State Robert Jenrick explained:

*“The new Framework is fundamental to ensuring local authorities and communities can shape and deliver beautiful places to live and work, with a greater emphasis on quality, design and the environment than ever before.”*

The revisions to the previous version are quite few but perhaps the most welcome is the introduction of the concept of ‘beauty’ being a requirement for new development. Presumably this is responding to the criticism levelled at the bland design of new housing in recent years. Paragraph 127 stresses the importance of involving local communities in the process:

*“…Design policies should be developed with local communities, so they reflect local aspirations, and are grounded in an understanding and evaluation of each area’s defining characteristics… “*

Local planning authorities will now be expected to prepare local design codes using the [**National Model Design Code**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-model-design-code), which was also published on 20 July.

Councillor burn clarified that there is no information about affordable housing in the document

In response to a question about clearing the areas between the two rail bridges to plant wildflowers the following point was made:

* the area is being cleared but no trees will be felled, and the plan is 2 raise the canopy to encourage the growth of wildflowers.
* There was a discussion of the difficulties turning onto the A140 from the Thrandeston Road. This problem had been highlighted to the Highways Department of Suffolk County Council representatives at a Parish Council meeting, but no change was made to the original design.
* There was a problem cutting of the grass by the junction of the road to Palgrave with the A143 and the Parish Council had to take remedial action.
* There have been accidents on the A140 involving lorries adjacent to Goswold Hall.
* Residents have problems joining the A143 from the BP/Marks and Spencer filling station because the grass verge has not been cut and it limits visibility of the traffic coming from the Wortham direction.
* **Action: The Clerk will contact County Councillor Fleming to highlight these problems**.

1. Correspondence received.

* Various documents from SALC.
* Town and Parish Council Newsletter.
* Various emails from the Highways Department of Suffolk County Council.
* Constables’ Country
* Suffolk View.
* Cranswick Foods Update.
* COVID-19
* Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan:
  + There is a suggestion in the plan to close the road from Palgrave to the A143, but this is outside the authority of a Neighbourhood Plan.

1. Report from Committees:
   1. Village Hall Committee

* The Village Hall Committee is waiting for new quotations for the work on the Village Hall as the criteria for the ceiling have been changed.
* The ceiling will now come down to just below the picture rail and will be vaulted to allow light in from the window. This is also to improve heat efficiency.
* The application will now require Building Regulations.
* The Committee has cancelled the planned Picnic on the Green because of the pandemic. There are plans for an event in December 2021 if it is safe for it to take place.

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

* The Green has been cut by Mr Bird. Mr Bird and Mr Murton repaired an area of damage to an access to a property.
* There are problems where certain parts of the Green cannot be cut because of the size of the equipment being used. It was agreed that the Clerk should take advice from the Rural Payments Agency as these areas need to be cleared. **Action: The Clerk.**
  1. Transfer of the remaining one fifth of the pond in front of Bramley House on Little Green, to the owner of the property. Update.
* Nothing to report.
  1. Email from Mr and Mrs Rickard about access across the Common to their property. Update.
* Nothing to report.

1. Clerk’s Contract.

* Nothing to report.

1. Highway matters:
   1. Quiet Lanes

* Nothing to report.
  1. Overgrown footpaths.
* The Clerk asked if parishioners have problems with overgrown public footpaths, they should report them to him.
  1. Grass verges.
* See above.
  1. Accidents on the A140 close to the entrance to Goswold Hall.
* See above, this has been raised by Mr and Mrs Wade as there appears to be no reason for the series of accidents involving lorries over the last 18 months. The Clerk will raise this problem with County Councillor Fleming.

1. Finances and financial report.
   1. Balances on Accounts 29th June 2021.
      1. Current account: £9.175.48

* Councillors noted the account balances.
  1. Financial Reports 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. 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. | 100651 | £296.71 | LGA 1972 S112 |
| HMRC | PAYE | 100652 | £63.80 | LGA 1972 S112 |
| Business Services at CAS | Parish Council Insurance | 100644 | £148.28 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| MSDC | Emptying Dog Bins | 100650 | £156.57 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| Thrandeston Village Hall | Hall Hire for Meetings | 100653 | £30.00 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| Mr J Cotter | Cutting grass verges | 100654 | £50.00 | LGA 1972 s111 |

* It was unanimously agreed to pay the invoices listed above, proposed by Councillor Murton and seconded by Councillor Colchester.
  1. Requests for financial support: None.
  2. Receipts: None

1. Progress Power (Gas Fired Power Station) – invitation to join Community Liaison Group.
   * There has been a request for a volunteer from the Parish Council to be on the Progress Power Community Liaison Group.
2. Planning:
   1. Applications: None.
   2. Applications – no decisions to date:
      1. Application for Planning Permission - DC/21/01973

Proposal: Full Planning Application - Change of Use of land for the stationing of 15 holiday lodges

Location: Oak Lodge Retreat, Nicks Lane, Brome and Oakley, Suffolk IP23 8AN

* + 1. Statutory consultation on proposals for Sunnica Energy Farm.
  1. Planning decisions:
     1. Approved: None.
     2. Refused: None.

1. AOB - Any items raised earlier but not for an extended discussion or decisions and items for inclusion at the meeting on Tuesday 7th September 2021.
   * None.

Meeting closed at 8:25 p.m.

**Action Points from the Meeting of Thrandeston Parish Council on 21 July 2021.**

* The Clerk will report the posts for the footpath signposts need replacing. Cllr Colchester offered to erect the new posts, if necessary. **Action: The Clerk.**
* The Clerk will contact the Rural Payments Agency about clearing the area between the two rail bridges to plant wildflowers and obtain advice from the RPA on the areas which could not be cut for hay on Little Green **Action: The Clerk.**
* Councillor Burn will send a link to the new version of the planning legislation
* The Clerk will check the Diss Neighbourhood Plan for any implications for Thrandeston **Action: The Clerk.**
* Volunteer for the Community Liaison Group for Progress Power.
* Report blue/green algae on the pond on Little Green to the Environment Agency. **Action: The Clerk.**
* Highways problems: **Action: The Clerk.**
  + Exit from BP/Marks & Spencer Filling Station
  + The danger of turning right from the Thrandeston Road onto the A140
  + Grass verges not cut properly at the junction of the road from Palgrave with the A140.
  + Accidents on the A140 adjacent to Goswold Hall