**Minutes of the Meeting of Thrandeston Parish Council held on Wednesday 26th January 2022 in Mellis Memorial Hall.**

# Present:

Councillors Andrew Colchester, Anthony Ronchetti and Colin Swinbourne.

County Councillor Jessica Fleming

Philip Freeman - Parish Clerk.

One member of the public.

In the absence of Councillors Rose and Murton, Councillor Ronchetti took the Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence.

* District Councillor David Burn, Councillors Rose and Murton

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks
   * + The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending at a new venue.
2. To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from members on an agenda item. To consider any requests for dispensations.
   * + None.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting.
   * + The minutes of the previous meetings were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman, proposed by Councillor Colchester and seconded by Councillor Swinbourne.
4. Matters arising from the minutes:

**Action Points:**

* The area between the two rail bridges to plant wildflowers can be cleared, and Councillor Colchester will arrange for this to take place. **Action: Councillor Colchester.** Councillor Colchester has discussed the clearance of the area with a contractor, but not to remove any trees, and it will be done at an appropriate time following discussion with Natural England.
* Councillor Colchester will arrange for the cutting of the areas which could not be cut when was cut for hay to take place. **Action: Councillor Colchester.** This work will be quite straight forward, but the grass will have to be removed once it is cut.

1. Notification of any urgent business.

* None.

**Public Forum.**

Meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

**Thrandeston Parish Council**

Report from Councillor Jessica Fleming, Hartismere Division, Suffolk

**Budget Progress -** Suffolk County Council has outlined how it plans to focus resources in 2022/23.

* More money to support children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
* Extra resources for adults in need of care
* Additional funds to prevent flooding and fix footpaths

Under the proposals, the 2022-23 budget would rise by 4.5% (from £598.2 to £625.4m). The additional money would come from a 2.99% increase in Council Tax (including 1% dedicated social care precept), and an increase in grants received from the Government. The proposals were considered at the January scrutiny meeting and will go to cabinet and full council in February.

**Police & Crime Levy –** The PCC Tim Passmore is requesting support to raise the policing element of the council precept by £10 a year (Band D property) to fund major improvements to the contact and control service (101). A survey is open to assess public opinion on the precept which closes on 27th January: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SuffolkPolicingPreceptSurvey2022-2>

**Footpaths & Drainage -**Due to increasing maintenance demand £10 million will be committed to improving drainage and a further £10 million to improve footpath quality and access. Suffolk Highways will use the drainage investment alongside funding from DfT to help resolve local flooding.

**The Hold, Ipswich wins Award** - the new archives and heritage centre on Ipswich Waterfront, won a prestigious national architecture and building award for the public sector. SPACES, the Society for Public Architecture, Construction, Engineering and Surveying, named The Hold as the winner in the Community Category at their online award ceremony on 8th December.

**LED Street Light Replacement** - On December 17th Suffolk’s LED replacement programme has reached 10,000 LEDs. Bouygues Energies & Services, the lead contractor aims to replace all 43,400 streetlights in the County (including parish and district council lights) by the end of 2022.

Please note that there are now licensing and testing requirements for any apparatus to be hung from a street lamp, current details are on the Suffolk County Council website: [Attachments to street lighting columns or electrical installations on or over the highway licence | Suffolk County Council](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/highway-licences/attachments-to-street-lighting-columns-or-electrical-installations-on-or-over-the-highway-licence/)

**Covid Vaccination and Booster Service** – Information about the Suffolk and NE Essex services for Covid vaccinations and boosters can be found on: <https://sneevaccine.org.uk/>

England's Plan B control measures end on January 27th with mandatory face coverings in public places and Covid passports no longer required.

* The Clerk raised the problem of the work to clear Judas Lane that had not been completed and it is becoming late in the season for the work to be done. He first reported the problem in June 2021 and has had to follow it up several times.
* Councillor Colchester was thanked for carrying out the work to replace the footpath signs.

District Councillor David Burn’s Report:

**Blueprint for districts’ future development to progress**Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have welcomed a decision by Planning Inspectors to allow work on their Joint Local Plan to continue – meaning the councils can ensure the right developments happen in the right places at the right time. [*Read the full story*](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/blueprint-for-districts-future-development-to-progress/)

**Work begins on carbon-cutting solar carport schemes**Works have begun on installing solar carports which will help power and slash the carbon emissions of two council-owned leisure centres - as part of council plans to tackle climate change. [*Read the full story*](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/work-begins-on-carbon-cutting-solar-carport-schemes/)

**Scheme to support new small businesses marks successful six months**  
A pilot scheme to support small businesses in Babergh and Mid Suffolk has been hailed a success as it reaches its six-month milestone. [*Read the full story*](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/scheme-to-support-new-small-businesses-marks-successful-six-months/)

**Councils urge National Highways to ‘unblock Copdock’**  
Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have submitted a joint response to a consultation by National Highways on proposed improvements to the Copdock Interchange – urging the creation of a new link road to keep business traffic flowing freely. [*Read the full story*](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/councils-urge-national-highways-to-unblock-copdock/)

**Cllr Wendy Turner resigns from Mid Suffolk District Counci**l  
Cllr Wendy Turner has resigned from Mid Suffolk District Council, having moved away from the area to be closer to her family. She represented the Thurston Green ward since her election in May 2019, alongside Cllr Harry Richardson. The date for the by-election, contested by all four main parties, will be 17 February. [*Read the full story*](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/cllr-wendy-turner-resigns-from-mid-suffolk-district-council/)

**Making the districts' homes more energy-efficient**Residents in around 80 of the districts' least energy-efficient and low-income homes can look forward to a warmer, more energy efficient future thanks to £1.9m in Government funding. [*Read the full story*](https://midsuffolk.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b92522d28bbfbe421813f5565&id=1feabe1eea&e=4a650ab925)

**Councils chosen for neighbourhood planning pilot**  
Our districts are among 11 areas nationwide to be chosen as part of a pilot scheme to boost participation in neighbourhood planning, being funded by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. [*Read the full story*](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/news/councils-chosen-for-pilot-to-ensure-neighbourhoods-have-say-on-planning/)

Meeting reopened at 8:00 p.m.

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

1. Report from Committees:
   1. Village Hall Committee

* The work on the Village Hall has not yet been completed.

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

* One of the cattle grazing the Marsh had become trapped in the dike and as a result it died. Councillor Colchester has discussed the problem with the farmer who owned the animal, and this will be an ongoing risk as Natural England wish to have the Marsh grazed.
* It was agreed that there should be a meeting with a representative of Natural England about fencing the Marsh to prevent cattle becoming trapped in the dikes. In addition, there will be a discussion of grant funding to carry out the work.
* The Marsh is currently dry and on the day of this meeting Councillor Colchester saw several teal there.
* County Councillor Fleming offered funding from the Locality Budget to help with this work.
* The plan is to clear the triangle between the two bridges, but not of trees, although lower branches would be removed to increase the amount of light reaching the ground.
* In addition, it may be necessary to dig a shallow ditch around the area to prevent unauthorised camping.
* Quotations for the work have been received and it would take up to 2 days to complete which would cost £1,000.
* Councillors thanked Councillor Colchester for his work, and he explained in conclusion that it will be important to identify the species of trees in this area.
* The Clerk will contact Natural England about a meeting to discuss how, the area between the two rail bridges, can be cleared to plant wildflowers, but trees will not be cut down. Also, to discuss the fencing of the Marsh. **Action: The Clerk and Councillor Colchester.**
  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.
* The Clerk has received a plan from the Council’s solicitor to show where the boundary of the pond is located, and he has returned it.
  1. Email from Mr and Mrs Rickard about access across the Common to their property. Update.
* Nothing to report.

1. Village Litter Pick

* it was agreed that the litter pick should take place on 5 March 2022. The Clerk will publicise the event and ask for volunteers from the village to help with the work. **Action: The Clerk.**
* The Clerk will also check that the Parish Council’s insurance policy will cover the volunteers during the work. **Action: The Clerk.**

1. Highway matters:
   1. Maintenance of the Bridleways

* See above under the Public Forum.
  1. Flooding outside Friday Cottage.
* This had been reported to the Highways Department of Suffolk County Council and he was informed that no action was needed.

1. Finances and financial report.
   1. Balances on Accounts 30th December 2021.
      1. Current account: £19,615.00
      * The bank balance was noted.
   2. 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.
* There were no questions from Councillors.
  1. Budget and Precept for 2022/2023.
* 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 Colchester and seconded by Councillor Swinbourne.
  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. | 100667 | £272.58 | LGA 1972 S112 |
| HMRC | PAYE | 100668 | £63.80 | LGA 1972 S112 |
| Practical Projects | Upgrade of the Village Hall | 100663 | £3,840.00 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| Practical Projects | Upgrade of the Village Hall | 100671 | £6,000,00 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| Mellis Memorial Hall | Hire of Hall | 100670 | £14.00 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| ICO | Data Protection Fee | 100672 | £40.00 | LGA 1972 s111 |

* It was unanimously agreed to pay the invoices listed above, proposed by Councillor Swinbourne and seconded by Councillor Colchester.
  1. Requests for financial support: St Elizabeth’s Hospice.
  2. Receipts: RPA: £1,621.05.

1. Progress Power (Gas Fired Power Station) – invitation to join Community Liaison Group.
2. Planning:
   1. Applications:
      1. Application for Planning Permission - DC/22/00235  
         Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of two bay cart lodge (one open and one lockable  
         for storage).  
         Location: The Cottages, Mellis Road, Thrandeston, Suffolk IP21 4BU
         * It was agreed to support this application. The Clerk will respond to planning application 14 a.i. **Action: The Clerk.**
      2. Application for Listed Building Consent - DC/21/06874  
         Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Repairs to timber frame on south and east elevations and associated works to include fixing of wood wool boards, removal and replacement of lime render as necessary as detailed within the Schedule of Works prepared by Rick Lewis of Traditional Oak Carpentry.  
         Location: The Cottages, Mellis Road, Thrandeston, Suffolk IP21 4BU
   2. Applications – no decisions to date:
      1. Application for Planning Permission - DC/21/05882  
         Proposal: Planning Application. Demolition of original intake/dryer/mill building destroyed by fire and erection of replacement intake/dryer/mill building  
         Location: Camstar Herbs Ltd, Chestnuts Farm, Langton Green, Eye IP23 7HL
      2. Application for Discharge of Condition(S) - DC/21/05647

Proposal: Approval of Details Reserved by Requirement 22 of the Progress Power (Gas Fired Power Station) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/1570) as Amended, concerning requested alterations to previously approved plans regarding requirements 3, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 11.

Location: Progress Power, Potash Lane, Eye, Suffolk IP23 7HE

* + 1. Application for Planning Permission - DC/21/04099

Proposal: Planning Application. Erection of a storage and distribution warehouse

Location: Land at Eye Airfield, Eye, Suffolk, IP23 7HU

* + 1. Application for Planning Permission - DC/21/04697

Proposal: Planning Application. Erection of new storage building No.10 for B8 use

Location: Land on Eye Airfield, Ipswich Road, Eye, Suffolk

* + 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:
        + Application for Planning Permission - DC/21/05684  
          Proposal: Planning Application. Change of Use of field from agricultural to private equestrian. Creation of 60m x 20m menage  
          Location: Rectory Farm, Great Green, Thrandeston, Suffolk IP21 4BN
        + Application for Planning Permission - DC/21/03946  
          Proposal: Planning Application. Retention of erection of utility shed.  
          Location: Flavours Farm, Mellis Road, Thrandeston, (Part In The Parish Of Mellis) Suffolk IP21 4BD
        + Application for Planning Permission - DC/21/03944

Proposal**:** Planning Application. Siting of 1No 20ft shipping container for storage of camping equipment.

Location: Flavours Farm, Mellis Road, Thrandeston, Suffolk IP21 4BD

* + 1. 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 8th March 2022 (subsequently changed to Wednesday 9th March 2022 at Mellis Memorial Hall.).
   * + - None.

**Action points from this meeting:**

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* Councillor Colchester will arrange for the cutting of the areas which could not be cut when was cut for hay to take place. **Action: Councillor Colchester.**
* The Clerk will respond to planning application 14 a.i. **Action: The Clerk.**
* Litter Pick on 5th March 2022. **Action: The Clerk.**

Meeting closed at 8:23 p.m.