**Minutes of the Meeting of Thrandeston Parish Council held on Wednesday 26th July 2022 at Thrandeston Village Hall.**

# Present:

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

District Councillor David Burn.

Philip Freeman - Parish Clerk.

Four members of the public.

1. Election of officers:
   1. To receive the Chairman’s declaration of acceptance of office or, if not then received, to decide when it shall be received.

* Completed.

1. Apologies for Absence.

* Councillor Colchester

1. Chairman’s Opening Remarks

* The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and mentioned that this meeting was the first in the Village Hall since its refurbishment.

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.

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

1. Matters arising from the minutes:

* None.

1. Notification of any urgent business.

* There are dead fish in the pond on Little Green.

Meeting closed at 7:45 p.m.

**Public Forum.**

In response to questions the following points were made:

* Due to the dry conditions it is unsafe to cut Little Green and unfortunately it cannot be cut earlier due to the conditions of the grant payments.
* Concern was expressed about the ash tree near the post box on Little Green and the Clerk will arrange for a tree surgeon to carry out a survey of the trees around Little Green. **Action: The Clerk.**
* It was reported that there is an increase in traffic using the track around Little Green, but it is unclear which vehicles are doing so.

**District Councillor David Burn’s Report for July 2022  
Councils’ commercial property arm makes £6m profit in 2021/22**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk’s commercial property company CIFCO made a £6m profit last year – generating £3.75m in net income for the councils to plough back into services, according to a report published this week. [Find out more](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/councils-commercial-property-arm-makes-6m-profit-in-202122/) (20 June)

## **First occupier confirmed at Gateway 14**

Gateway 14 Ltd, wholly owned by Mid Suffolk District Council, has exchanged conditional contracts to develop a distribution unit with home, garden and leisure products retailer The Range. [Find out more](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/first-occupier-confirmed-at-gateway-14/) (29 June)

## **Helping local communities to tackle the climate emergency**

A £150,000 fund has been opened to applications from not-for-profit organisations looking to deliver community-based carbon reduction projects in Suffolk. [Find out more](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/helping-local-communities-to-tackle-the-climate-emergency/) (29 June)

## **Chance to help shape councils’ final parking strategy**

Residents, businesses, and visitors are being invited to have their say on Babergh and Mid Suffolk’s parking strategy for the next 20 years. [Find out more](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/chance-to-help-shape-councils-final-parking-strategy/) (17 June)

## **Councils urge ‘joined-up thinking’ over energy infrastructure in the east**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are calling for an urgent government review of the number and scale of ‘potentially devastating’ energy infrastructure projects for local communities. [Find out more](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/councils-urge-joined-up-thinking-over-energy-infrastructure-in-the-east/) (16 June)

## **Changes to Building Regulations**

Building Regulations changed on June 15. These amendments have been billed as the biggest changes to building regulations for over 30 years and will have significant impact on those planning building works after this date. [Find out more](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/changes-to-building-regulations/) (15 June)

In response to questions Councillor Burn made the following points:

* Gateway 14 is part of the programme associated with the Freeport.
* £6 million has been used to help operate the Council services. Some will be used to help with housing and there is a team at Mid Suffolk District Council that works on homelessness. The housing revenue account is a separate.
* Councillor Burn agreed to look into the plans for housing for Ukrainian refugees.
* The Locality Budget can help fund projects as long as the requirement for funding is not too excessive.
* Councillor Burn informed the meeting that he will finish as a District Councillor at the next election after 12 years in that role.

Meeting reopened at 8:09 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.

1. Report from Committees:
   1. Village Hall Committee

* The main event since the last meeting had been the hog roast to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. It was agreed that the event was a great success and had been enjoyed by those who attended it.

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

* The cutting of Little Green will take place as soon as there is some rain to make it safe to do so. The current dry conditions could cause a fire if a spark resulted from the mower cutting the grass striking a flint.

1. Fly tipping on Judas Lane/Green Lane.

* The Clerk had contacted the Footpath Officer to discuss ways of preventing fly tipping in the future.
* It was agreed to take no action at the moment as there had only been one incident. If there is a repeat and further fly tipping on Judas Lane/Green Lane this will be reviewed.

1. Revised Code of Conduct

* The Clerk will send the revised Code of Conduct to Councillors before the next meeting. **Action: The Clerk.**

1. Thrandeston History Group

* There is a proposal to set up a history group in the village.
* In order to assist with funding there have been discussions of the group being part of the Parish Council and the Clerk will send Mrs Swinbourne the Parish Council’s terms of reference for committees. **Action: The Clerk.**

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

* The Clerk has pursued the issue of the cutting of the grass verges with the Highways Department of Suffolk County Council. In particular he has expressed concern about the situation on the Mellis Road which is part of the National Cycle Route.
* He had a meeting with a representative of the Highways Department on the day of this meeting and explained the problems. Hopefully some action will now be taken.
  1. Accident on A140 adjacent to Goswold Hall. (There have been a series of accidents on this section of road in recent years.)
* The Clerk also discussed this problem with the Highways Department; however, the accidents are put down to driver error.

1. Finances and financial report.
   1. Balances on Accounts 30th March 2022.
      1. Current account: £12,190.56
   2. Financial report and bank reconciliation. (Attachment to follow.)

* The accounts had been circulated before the meeting and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return was agreed.
* The Parish Council will apply for a certificate of exemption
* The Council also agreed that the Clerk should send the accounts to the internal auditor - Heelis and Lodge
  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. | 100687 | £394.50 | LGA 1972 S112 |
| HMRC | PAYE | 100688 | £91.40 | LGA 1972 S112 |
| Heelis and Lodge | Audit | 100689 | £147.50 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| MSDC | Litter and dog bin emptying | 100690 | £156.56 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| CAS | Insurance renewal already paid | 100685 | £368.19 | LGA 1972 s111 |

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

1. Progress Power (Gas Fired Power Station).

* The Clerk gave an update on the building of the substation near Yaxley. A road from the A140 across the hard stand which is used to store materials for repairing the roads will allow traffic to reach the site of the substation.

1. Planning:
   1. Applications:
      1. Application for - DC/22/02089  
         Proposal: Approval of Details Reserved by Requirement 3 (Detailed Design, Part 5) and Amendments to previously approved plans under Requirement 22 (Amendments to Approved Details, Part 1) of the Progress Power (Gas Fired Power Station) Order 2015 As Amended  
         Location: National Grid Yaxley Substation Connection, Land To The West Of, Old Norwich Road, Yaxley Suffolk.

* It was agreed to make no comment on this application.
  1. Applications – no decisions to date:
     1. Application for Outline Planning Permission - DC/22/00416  
        Proposal: Application for Outline Planning Permission. (All matters reserved) Erection of petrol and electric charging facility with associated shop, roadside restaurant with drive through facility, B1 and B8 starter units, HGV lorry parking facility for rest area and drivers' facilities as a phased development.  
        Location: Land Adjacent North Roundabout, A140 Ipswich Road, Brome, Part In The Parish of Thrandeston IP23 8AW
     2. Application for Planning Permission - DC/22/00744  
        Proposal: Planning Application - Change of use of agricultural land for the provision of 7No additional residential caravans, laundry room and stationing of mobile shower block and reconfiguration of existing 9No caravans, all to provide accommodation for agricultural workers employed by the applicant.  
        Location: Chestnuts Farm, Langton Green, Eye, IP23 7HL
     3. 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. Planning decisions:
     1. Approved:
        + Application for Planning Permission - DC/22/01622  
          Proposal: Planning Application - Erection of recreational private use stables on existing hardstanding.  
          Location: Rectory Farm, Great Green, Thrandeston, Suffolk IP21 4BN
        + Application for Planning Permission - Dc/22/01650  
          Proposal: Full Planning Application - Change of Use of agricultural field to private equestrian use and erection of post and rail fencing.  
          Location: Rectory Farm, Great Green, Thrandeston, Suffolk IP21 4BN
     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 6th September 2022.

* There are dead fish in the pond on Little Green and it was agreed that the Clerk will contact the Environment Agency. **Action: The Clerk.**

Meeting closed at 8:34 p.m. and all members of the public left the meeting.

1. Confidential item to consider complaint.

* Following a discussion of the issues there was a resolution of the complaint.

**Action Points from this Meeting:**

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