**Minutes of the Meeting of Thrandeston Parish Council held on Tuesday 30th June 2020 by Zoom.**

**Present:**

Councillors Andrew Colchester, Tony Ronchetti, David Rose and Alison Murton.

Philip Freeman – Parish Clerk.

Jessica Fleming – County Councillor.

David Burn – District Councillor.

No members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence.
* Councillor Cotter.
1. Chairman’s Opening Remarks
* The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
1. To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from members on any agenda item. To consider any requests for dispensations.
* The Chairman declared an intertest in item No. 9.
1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th March 2020.
* The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.
1. Matters arising from the minutes:

**Action Points:**

* None.
1. Notification of any urgent business.
* Footpath 15 signage is unclear. **Action: The Clerk.**

**Public Forum.**

Councillor Jessica Fleming, Hartismere Division, Suffolk

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**County Council and Covid-19 Local Outbreak Control Plan -** The Plan contains measures to manage and contain any localised outbreak of Coronavirus in the County. Delivery of the Plan is the responsibility of the Suffolk COVID-19 Coordination Centre. A copy of the plan is available [here.](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/suffolks-response/)

**Public Transport** - as of Monday 6th July concessionary bus passes in Suffolk will NOT be valid before 9.30am Mon – Fri. Also, all passengers are required to wear face covering on public transport.

The Connecting Communities mini-bus services operate Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm. Further details can be found at [communities.suffolkonboard.com](https://communities.suffolkonboard.com/) or by calling 0345 606 6171.

**Public Health Services during COVID-19** – Please refer to the link below for updates concerning health services provided or commissioned by Suffolk County Council: <https://sway.office.com/m5RhYSBclOQe7DUF?ref=Link>

**A140 Roundabouts –** Construction has commenced on the northern roundabout, the A140 will need to be closed over 2 weekends for connection with diversion via the A143 and A14, dates to be advised. The COVID-19 lockdown has delayed the scheme, roundabouts and link road will be completed in November 2020 and all by February 2021. <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/transport-planning/a140-eye-airfield-junction-improvements/>

**Schools Opening -** Primary schools are gradually opening as of June 1st, and secondary and other schools as of June 15th. Decisions concerning opening are made by individual schools. To find out which are open please visit <https://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk/>

**EDF’s Development Consent Order (DCO) Application for Sizewell C accepted –** The Planning Inspector has determined that the application is complete and may proceed to public consultation. An ‘Adequacy of Consultation Response’ document requesting additional time (due to COVID) has been submitted by East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council and can be viewed alongside other related correspondence at [eastsuffolk.gov.uk](https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/sizewell-nuclear-power-station/development-consent-order)

**Suffolk’s Recycling Centres (HWRCs) –** Booking is still required, as are contactless card payments for items for which there is a charge. Compost is available for purchase. [www.suffolk.gov.uk/recyclingcentres](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/recyclingcentres)or call 0345 606 6067.

**Reminder - School Transport Opt-in** – Eligible students/ parents needed to opt in to receive Council Funded School Travel for 2020/2021, the deadline was 31st May 2020, if you missed it please contact SCC: [www.suffolkonboard.com/optin](http://www.suffolkonboard.com/optin)  or <https://www.suffolkonboard.com/school-travel>Unfortunately spare places cannot be offered at this time until the Department for Education clarifies its safe distancing policy for school transport.

Councillor Fleming highlighted the following points:

* The problem of transporting children to school during the current pandemic.
* The school buses system for the new academic year.
* The grass verge policy and that Mellis Road is a popular cycle route. The verges in the Parish were well cut this year.
* The plans for a cycle path from Yaxley to Eye.

Councillor Burn made the following points:

* The District Council is trying to carry on business as usual.
* A large number of the Council officers are on COVID-19 support work.
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. The Common
	1. Report from the Commons Co-ordinator.
* Councillor Colchester is limited to Church Farm.
* There was nothing to report on the Commons but he will make a visit in the next few weeks.
	1. Grazing or cutting of Little Green.
* Little Green can be cut after 15 July 2020. It was agreed that the Chairman and Councillor Colchester would contact contractors about carrying out the work.
1. Financial Support for Thrandeston Village Hall.
* Village Hall events have been cancelled this year because of COVID-19.
* The Committee has received a grant of £10,000 from Mid Suffolk District Council, the Chairman thanked Councillor Burn for his help with this. The money will go towards the planned improvements.
* There has been a meeting with a surveyor and plans are being prepared, this will include a suspended ceiling and a new heating system. The cost for the work to the ceiling would be approximately £3,500.
* There was a suggestion that the Village Hall Committee could become a Committee of the Parish Council.
* The Committee hopes to return to organising the Pub Night, once circumstances allow, and also an event for the village to thank everyone.
1. COVID-19 measures and impact on our village events.
* Nothing to report.
1. Highway matters:
* Noting to report.
1. Finances and financial report.
	1. Balances on Accounts 29th May 2020.
		1. Current account: £8,604.15
		* The bank balances were 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. Annual Accounts
		+ The final accounts for the 2019/2020 financial year had been sent to Councillors.
		+ The accounts were agreed, proposed by Councillor Colchester and seconded by Councillor Rose.
		+ It was also agreed that the Parish Council should apply for an exemption from an external audit, proposed by Councillor Ronchetti and seconded by Councillor Rose.
	2. 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 |  | £241.72 | LGA 1972 S112 |
| HMRC | PAYE |  | £55.73 | LGA 1972 S112 |
| Business Services at CAS  | Insurance |  | £162.40 | LGA 1972 s111 |
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* It was unanimously agreed to pay the invoices listed above, proposed by Councillor Ronchetti and seconded by Councillor Rose.
	1. Requests for financial support: none.
	2. Receipts: none.
1. Planning:
	1. Applications:
		1. Application DC/20/01952

Proposal: Planning Application. Use of part of site as a farm shop and associated cafe, and the siting of Nissen hut (for use as museum for Eye airfield and the 490th bomb squadron)

Location**:** Oak Lodge, Nicks Lane, Brome and Oakley, Eye Suffolk IP23 8AN.

* + - * No comment will be made on this application.
		1. Progress Power Limited (PPL) a “non-material change” application which seeks to address the uncertainties and constraints posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, in relation to its ability to formally commence construction works by August 2020, in accordance with the [Progress Power (Gas Fired Power Station) Order](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/progress-power-station/) (‘the Order’). The application seeks to extend the time limit for commencing construction by up to 12 months. No other changes are proposed to the Order.

There was a discussion of the application which included the following points:

* + - * The capacity market has had an impact on the proposed work.
			* Much preparatory work has been completed but no actual building.
			* The plant would cut in when there is a demand that the renewable systems cannot meet.
			* It will be built next to the gas pumping station and close to the transmission line.
			* It is a nationally significant infrastructure project.
			* The Council agreed to make no comment.
	1. Applications – no decisions to date:
		1. Various Applications for Progress Power Station listed previously.
		2. Application DC/19/00667

Proposal: Full Planning Application - direction of 2NO. B8 storage buildings and link extension between buildings 6 and 7.

Location: land on Eye Airfield, Ipswich Road, Eye.

* + 1. Application DC/19/00108

Proposal: Full Planning Application - erection of factory with an adjoining two-storey production office, warehouse extension, a loading dock building, material stockpile and two-storey administration office building. Provision of 9no. caravans for temporary accommodation for seasonal staff. Creation of vehicular access.

Location: Chestnuts Farm, Langton Green, Eye.

* + 1. Application for Advertisement Consent - DC/20/01109

Proposal: Application for consent to display advertisements - New Renault Trucks brand signage to replace the current ones

Location: A140 Norwich-Ipswich Road, Brome and Oakley, Suffolk, IP23 8AW

* Councillor Burn agreed to send the Eye Airfield Position Statement.
	1. Planning decisions:
		1. Approved: None.
		2. Refused: None.
		3. Discharge of Conditions: None.
		4. Withdrawn: None.
1. AOB - Any items raised earlier but not for an extended discussion or decisions and items for inclusion at the meeting on Tuesday 8 September 2020.
* None.

Meeting closed at 8:40 p.m.