

Village Hall & Playing Field Ltd – Mr J Warham.

It was resolved for these representatives to remain in post.

7/17 Appointment of Three Trustees to Represent Parish Council on the Board of TVHPF Ltd. [SEP]

Cllr Mocatta explained that Cllr Barrett, Cllr Venes and herself were the current Parish Council Representatives on the Board of TVHPF Ltd. All three members were prepared to remain. Cllr Brown said that he would like to become a Trustee. **It was resolved for Cllr Mocatta, Cllr Barrett and Cllr Brown be the Parish Council Representatives for 2017/18.**

08/17 To receive reports from:

CHURCH REPORT

All Saints' Church, Thornham. Report for 2016.

The P.C.C. met on 4 occasions. All those attending the APCM in April 2016 were elected on to the PCC. One churchwarden and 7 council members. Wendy Brooks was co-opted on to the PCC as Fabric Officer in June.

Sunday services alternated with Holme throughout the year. Our two services alternated between Holy Communion and Morning Prayer. All normal services were held in the chancel and the average attendance for the year, excluding special services, was 14. There were 3 baptisms and 4 weddings.

Revd. Susan Bowden-Pickstock with the help of retired clergy, led the worship and attended to the pastoral needs of the Benefice. We said goodbye to the Revd. James Monro as our curate during a service in June.

The newly formed Restoration Committee held several fund raising evens during the year. The Hermitage Choir gave a concert in April, and a Crazy Whist evening was held in the village Hall. Open Gardens was organised in June and a classical guitarist played in church in August. All events were very successful and we appreciated all the hard work undertaken in making all these events successful. In addition the PCC held a Summer Fete and a Bat Evening in August. At All Saints weekend we opened the church with an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia relating to the church. We also had a very successful Harvest lunch in the church in September with an auction of produce from the allotments, which are going from strength to stength.

The Bagladies have offered to part fund a new notice board, which is awaiting delivery and we had a new sound system installed in the church, which has vastly improved the sound quality for all events. Work on the north and south aisles was completed and a new security alarm system is now in operation to protect the new lead on the roof. The Parish Council paid for our grass cutting and servicing of the church clock. Our parish share of £6,468.00 was paid in full.

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I would like to thank all volunteers and helpers who in any way assisted with the smooth running of the church and helping at our various fund raising events. We couldn't manage without their help.

BOWLS CLUB

No report received.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE



- The number and range of events held in the Hall has been extended, and covers all age groups, and attracts attendees from neighbouring villages. Soup and Sandwich lunches, Kids' Summer Club and Winter Warmers are extremely popular, while the annual Fun Day had its best year ever.
- The Satellite Theatre and Cinema Group have staged some tremendous performances, including, for the first time, Glyndebourne. The Trustees are extremely grateful to Chris Burland, Sam Staveley and their teams for putting in the time and effort to make this happen.
- In July, we appointed Paul Murrell as Marketing and Events Manager on a part-time basis. Paul is now an integral part of the team and is busy planning events new and old for the future. He has taken an enormous amount of weight off the Hall Committee.
- Tony Morris took on the job of Chairman of the Hall Committee, and thanks are due to him and his Committee for all their hard work throughout the year. The Trustees would also like to thank Gynis Allen who stood down as secretary of the Hall Committee and to welcome Julie Smith as a new Committee Member
- An online booking system has been set up for Hall events. Thanks are due to Wendelien Bellinger for the work she put into this project, in tandem with Tec Tamers, Tony Morris and Paul Murrell. The new system will

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reduce the amount of manual effort and will be an indispensable aid in marketing Hall events.

- A storage extension to the Hall was completed at a cost of £45,000, funded by small grants and with monies from Hall funds. This extension has already proved its worth, and allows much more flexibility and access to equipment.
- During the year, Thornham Village hall won the East Anglia section of a nationwide competition organised by M&S Energy. The £12,500 prize was invested in solar panels, which are now installed, and generating electricity. We are grateful to all our supporters, near and far, who took the trouble to vote for us online.
- There has been much activity on the Playing Field. We have been awarded a grant of £65,000 by Sports England to add three wickets to the square and to start a long-term maintenance programme on the field. This work will start later in 2017. The cricketers organised a 6-a-side competition on August Bank Holiday for the first time, and this will be held again this year. Thanks to the good offices of John and Rosie Rodwell, an outdoor exercise area for adults and older children has been installed. Thornham Taverners was founded to support Thornham CC under the Chairmanship of Billy King Harman.
- Thanks are due, not only to Trustees and their partners for all the highly professional effort they put into the Hall, but also the large number of volunteers – thankfully expanding all the time, who make sure that the events held in the Hall are of the highest calibre and that we have a facility of which Thornham can all be extremely proud.

John Warham
May 2017

GROUNDS REPORT

Cllr Mocatta advised that Mr Warham has covered the Grounds Report within the Village Hall Report.

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RSPB REPORT

No report received.



Thornham History Society

Annual Report 2016/17

At the request of the Revd. Susan Bowden-Pickstock, to mark the 800th anniversary of the first recorded Rector of All Saints' Church, the History Society prepared a display in November 2016, highlighting the momentous events affecting the church in the early 1900s. These included the major repair of the aisle roof and the restoration of 15th century items such as the carved benches, the font and the painted rood screen.

In February 2017, we held our biennial exhibition, entitled *Bricks & Mortar*, detailing the history of various significant buildings in the village and their more notable occupants. This subject was chosen to give the widest and easiest possible opportunity for Thornham residents to research their own properties and contribute to the event; this concept did not seem to appeal and thanks go to the usual few who actually put the exhibition together. Although it was generally stated that the content was very good, the attendance was most disappointing. The lessons seem to be that the subject was not widely appealing (particularly to younger visitors), that the timing should be changed to coincide closer with the beginning of the half-term holiday and that there were problems with the publicity (the latter issue now being addressed by the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee).

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Thanks also go to those involved with converting the interpretation and pictures from this exhibition into a format suitable for publication; these booklets are now available for sale for the benefit of Society funds. (It is also hoped to have some about the 2015 World War 1 exhibition available in due course.)

The society was one of over twenty county and local history societies represented at the Docking Heritage Fair over the 2017 May Bank Holiday weekend. We had a small display describing what we do, with publications for sale and a slide show of old village photographs running; feedback was encouraging and several useful contacts were established.

Agreement has been reached about future storage of those artefacts from the Thornham Ironworks, which have been placed in the Society's custody. Following future clearance of the Parvis Room over the South Porch of the Church, the items currently in the Village Hall will join those already in the Church.

This will give us the opportunity to present a display in the Church over the Harvest Weekend in September, showing the ironworks items with background interpretation and photographs.

Further in the future, it has been agreed that our 2019 exhibition should mark the 80th anniversary of the start of World War II. Initial work is already in hand tracing the stories of those villagers who were most closely involved.

Thornham History Society
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Accounts 2016/17

2016	16-May	David Brooks	Ancestry membership for drop-in session	-13.99	157.16
	25-May	Stephen Greef	Copying 1905 OS map	-22.00	135.16
		PolyPostalBags	Drawing tubes	-10.79	124.37
	21-Jun		Agellus Hotels contribution for map scanning	20.00	144.37
	27-Sep	Amazon	Velcro tape	-11.98	132.39
		Photopaperdirect	Photo paper	-21.76	110.63
2017	13-Jan	Amazon	Velcro tape	-13.98	96.65
	30-Jan	Stephen Greef	Printing costs	-40.00	56.65
	01-Feb	Witleys	Boxfile for Ironworks display	-5.00	51.65
	02-Feb	Photopaperdirect	Photo paper	-19.14	32.51
		InkRaider	Printer inks	-64.12	-31.61
	07-Feb	AbeBooks	Mouse to Tiger - Pleasance Bett	-8.50	-40.11
	11-Feb		Income from exhibition	214.30	174.19
	12-Feb	Amazon	Velcro tape	-13.98	160.21
	19-Mar	Stephanie Mocatta	Complementary copies of <i>Bricks & Mortar</i> books	-15.00	145.21
	Apr/May		Sale of publications	35.00	180.21

SAMS

THORNHAM SAMS REPORT

I've recruited three new members for the team and they are settling in well. I'm trying to organise more speed checks this year. So far we have carried out 9 this year. Sadly the number of offenders does not seem to be reducing indeed last Friday I did a check and we recorded 33 drivers over in effect 38 m.p.h.! If we authorised to work from 30. I don't think we would be able to cope! I am certain though that the SAM 2 s continue to be a great success. If you have any questions I will be happy to answer them and would appreciate a thank you to all members of the team for their support at all times and all weathers!
Sam Staveley.

BAGLADIES OF THORNHAM

Report to Parish Council

The BagLadies have enjoyed another successful year in 2016 and added almost £5,000 to Thornham Village Fund with a further £1,000 raised so far in 2017.

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Thornham Parish Council

Founded in 2006, the group has successfully raised over £52,000 for village projects.

This year the following funds have been distributed:

Thornham Village Cinema upgrade	£1500
Thornham Village hall extension	£2500
Thornham Cricket Club	£500
All Saints' Church	£370
All Saints' Church Notice board	£1600
Notice Board on Bus Shelter at Castle Cottages	£290
Total	£6760

S J Warham
2/5/17

CHAIRS REPORT

Cllr Mocatta thanked everyone for their Presentations and all the hardwork that has been achieved over the last year. Cllr Mocatta advised that extending the permissive path to Drove Orchard has been achieved during the last year and also stage 1 of the drainage scheme for the A149 and sorry for the road being closed for three weeks! Cllr Mocatta advised that there will be another closure within the next year for stage 2 and apologised in advance but it is vital it is achieved. Cllr Mocatta said that she was hoping the registration of CL56 would be achieved in 16/17 but because of objections this hopefully would be achieved in 17/18.

Cllr Mocatta went on to say that the Parish Council has finally agreed to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan mainly down to Borough Council decisions. This will be launched at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 31 May, please come along and tell your friends also. Cllr Mocatta wished to thank her fellow colleagues who are undertaking this project with her.

Finally Cllr Mocatta thanked Richard Bird for his support over the years and welcomed new County Councillor Andrew Jamieson.

Stephanie Mocatta
Chairman, Thornham Parish Council

09/17 Thornham Parish Council Annual Accounts 2016/17

Cllr Barrett talk through the attached sheets and explained that the budget was set so well that it was spent within £200. This give a nice healthy budget going into the new Financial Year. Cllr Mocatta asked everyone if they were happy with the accounts. **It was resolved to accept the end of year accounts.** Cllr Barrett explained that these will now go for a through check from the Internal Auditor

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before coming back to the next meeting to sign the Mazars paperwork. Cllr Barrett thanked everyone involved.

10/17 Date, Time, Place of next Annual Parish Council Meeting.

This to be set at a later date.

Commence with Ordinary Meeting.

11 To Receive a Report from the Borough Councillor.

Cllr Watson thanked everyone for making her so welcome at the Council Meetings she enjoyed attending. Cllr Watson said that she was pleased that the Council had decided to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan and explained about a situation in Brancaster when it was vital and allowed the Planning Committee to refuse an application. Cllr Watson wished to thank all involved in the events put on in the Village and she was pleased to see more and more people supporting.

Cllr Mocatta thanked her for her kind words.

12 Adjournment of Meeting to allow for public questions.

It was resolved to open the meeting to allow for public to speak, then returned to closed session.

13. Minutes of the Thornham Parish Council Meeting held on 12 April 2017

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chair.

No Matters arising from the minutes

14. Grounds Committee Update

This item was covered in Mr Warham's report earlier.

15. TVHPF Ltd Update

This item was covered in Mr Warham's report earlier.

16. Community Emergency Plan

Cllr Barrett advised that the plan had been returned from the Borough Council with some comments and updates. Cllr Barrett advised that he needed to get together with Cllr Needham and the Clerk to check these amendments and then bring back to Full Council for approved before being lodged with the Borough Council as a working document. Cllr Mocatta thanked everyone involved.

17. Registering CL56

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Correspondence from Land Registry. The Clerk explained that she had received some paperwork that needed signing to agree to go to tribunal. **It was resolved for the Chair to sign the document and the Clerk to return to Land Registry.** **Action: Cllr Mocatta/Clerk**

18. Permissive Path to Drove

Cllr Mocattta advised that it is being used and just waiting for signs, which should be in place soon.

19. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Mocatta advised that the Steering Group have been meeting on a fortnightly basis, the Grant Application has been filled in and submitted but the grant body have come back with a couple of questions that should be answered in a couple of days. Cllr Venes and the Clerk attended some training yesterday. The Plan will be launched at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 31 May. Cllr Mocatta wanted everyone to attend and please spread the word. The whole process is hoping to be achieved quickly in 18 months.

20. Cattlegate Holder – Income

Cllr Mocatta has advised that she had not received anymore information from Mr Bett. **It was resolved for Cllr Mocatta to chase.**

Action: Cllr Mocatta

21. Website

Cllr Mocatta advised that she had spoken with Tec Tamers and had agreed To making part of the website over to Word Press which the Council can update on a regular basis as and when the Council wants. This is vital for consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan.

22. Parking in the Village

Cllr Venes explained about a couple of near misses because of cars parking on the pavement. Cllr Venes explained that the issue is what powers does a Parish Council have to deal with such offences. Cllr Venes felt that a letter should be sent to the whole village reminding people not to park on the pavements. Cllr Venes also suggested that should the PSCO's and or Highways be asked to see what they could offer. There was also talk of finding out about off road parking, which might be used to generate an income for someone/organisation. Cllr Needham felt that a blanket letter to ever household was not the way to go not everyone is parking on pavements and the letter should go to problem areas only. After much discussion **It was resolved for the Clerk to invite a PSCO and Highways to attend a meeting to discuss what could be achieved.** **Action: Clerk**

23. Planning Applications and Determinations:

Applications:.

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17/00868/LDE

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of land for garden (domestic) purposes at Land North of the Coach House, High Street, Thornham. **It was resolved to make no comment.**

Determinations:

17/00334/F Mr M Longley, Application for recladding gables and dormers West & East extensions at Mansard Cottage, Ploughmans Piece, Thornham. –**Granted**

24. Correspondence:

- a) Email from the Borough Council re Boundary Review – 20 June
- b) Letter from the Borough Council re notification of two new property addresses.
- c) Letter from the Borough Council re Tree Preservation Order
- d) Village Of The Year **it was resolved to not get involved this year.**

25. Accounts for payment

May

E-On Energy Street Lighting – (May)	Direct/Debit	32.71
Tec Tamers Maintenance Direct Debit (May)	Standing Order	25.00
TVH&PF LTD Room Hire (May)	Direct Transfer	50.00

It was resolved for the Payment to be made.

26. Payment Received

None Received

27. Items For Next Agenda

- Mazars Report
- Borough Council Call for Sites
- Dyke clearance
- Parish Representative on TVH&PF Ltd
- Cattlegate Holders Representative

28. Date, & Place of next meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 14 June 2017 at the Village Hall, High Street at 7.00pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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Action List

Cllr Mocatta

- Sign Tribunal paperwork re CL56
- Chase answers re Cattlegate Holder Income.

Clerk

- Return Tribunal from to Land Registry
- Write and Invite PSCO & Highways to a meeting re parking.
- Reply re consultations on Planning Applications
- Make Payments
- Make sure items for the next agenda go on agenda.

POINTS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Bowls Club

A Parishioner advised that the bowls season has started. There are only three players actually live in Thornham. The Parishioner was concerned that the club would not continue much past this year. Cllr Needham said that whilst people from outside the village want to play for the team it would be nice to think of gaining players who live in the village.

Road Closure for Drainage.

A Parishioner was concerned about the amount of traffic using Ringstead Road on the recent drainage road closure. Cllr Mocatta advised that it was necessary to close the road and she apologised in advance for any inconvenience phase 2 might cause.

Draft Minutes

A Parishioner required the draft minutes to be placed on the website. Cllr Mocatta advised that the minutes of the previous month were placed at the same time the agenda issued.

Permissive Path

A Parishioner asked does the Permissive Path stops opposite Drove Shop. Cllr Councillor Jamieson advised that he had visited Holme recently and in their Neighbourhood Plan there is talk of talking it further.

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