

**Thornham St John's Neighbourhood Forum
and SOS – Save Our Slattocks
Thornham Cricket Club
11th June 2019
6.30pm**

1. Introduction by the Chair – Gordon Tilstone

(See separate document)

2. Presentation of notes from previous 'SOS' AGM (21/04/18)

Minutes from previous AGM reviewed -no issues raised

3. Review of the year 2018-19

Presentation of a summary of the Accounts by Jeanette Tilstone on behalf of the Treasurers. Noted that these are available on-line at www.TSJNF.org

4. Election of Officers for the coming year

- a) Chair (currently Gordon Tilstone) was re-elected – duty proposed & seconded by Andrew Buckley and Paul Bolton
- b) Vice Chair (currently Ian Briggs) was re-elected – duty proposed & seconded by Gordon Tilstone and AJ Williams
- c) Secretary (currently Joanne Buckley) was re-elected – duty proposed & seconded by Andrew Buckley and Jeanette Tilstone
- d) Treasurer (currently jointly held between AJ & Karen Williams) were re-elected – duty proposed & seconded by Louise Wright and Susan Penrose.

5. Other Business – guided by the Chair

- a) GMSF – September 2019 is the likely date for the next public consultation. Following this it will then go to an Independent Inspector. It's not clear if we will be able to input at this stage. If the Independent Inspector approves the plan it will then be scrutinised by the Secretary of State for final approval.
- b) Proposal of the Year Ahead
 - a. SOS Save Our Slattocks
 - b. Thornham St John Neighbourhood Forum
Forum Application has been passed by South Rochdale Township meeting (Tuesday 04/06/19) and now goes for approval by Middleton Township on Thursday, 13/06/19. The next stage would then be to go ahead with our policies and plans. However, if we produce a plan we may have to amend after the GMSF, or we can produce a plan after the GMSF. Is there anything we can do in the interim?
 - c. Getting the Message Across – Arts Project
Dr Quintin Bradley and colleagues at Leeds Beckett University are applying for an arts grant and are asking if the Save Gtr Mcr Greenbelt Group (SGMGB) are interested in supporting this. GT has replied 'yes' on of SGMGB and SOS-Save Our Slattocks and plans to approach local schools to get pupils (younger people) involved. The bid is currently at a formative stage.
- c) Any Other Business
AJ Williams - Another event is needed to raise awareness. Ideas are welcome via Facebook or the website.

Nigel Spencer – Highways Agency to meet with Nigel on site to look at, and grade rubbish/litter on the link road.

Peter Wright – Can we employ a barrister to look at how Rochdale MBC is trying to build on the greenbelt – Is their plan unlawful?

Ron Law from St John's Church spoke. Interior of Church is currently being renovated and are trying to get a grant from English Heritage. Ron handed out questionnaires for feedback on how the church is being used at present. Form is also available on the website and can be handed back to the cricket club once completed.

Councillor Billy Sheerin attended the meeting and informed that a Surgery is held on the 3rd Saturday of every month in the Cricket Club, from 10.30am to 11.30am. Personal and local issues can be raised at these meetings. Advertise this on Facebook.

Next Event is Race Night at Thornham Cricket Club on 19th October 2019.

Paul Bolton suggested that the forum needed to engage more with local farmers / landowners?

6. Meeting Conclusion

Chairman concluded with thanks to Barry Bradbury, Nigel Spencer and Thornham Cricket Club.