

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON 12TH MAY 2016 AT 7.00 P.M. IN
WHISSONSETT VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mr David Stangroom, Mrs Janet Stangroom, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris, Mr Bernard Barker, Mrs Caroline Wilson, Ms Dawn Rangeley, Mr Bill Blake, Mr David Burton, Mrs Kirsten Stibbon (Headteacher, Brisley CEVA Primary School), Mr Graham Buckley, Mr James Daniels, Mr John Newton, Mrs Sally Dye, Mr Adrian Mountain, PCSO Darren Smith and Mrs Hubbard, Clerk to the Parish Council

1. Welcome and to accept Apologies for Absence

The Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed those present to the meeting. There were apologies for absence from Mr Bruce Andrews.

2. To confirm minutes of Meeting of Parish held on 14th May 2015

Mr Stangroom proposed the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Ms Rangeley seconded the proposal. No objections so Mr Burton signed the minutes.

3. To receive reports from the District Councillor and County Councillor

Cllr Kiddle-Morris gave a report, highlighting the fact that there was a 3.99% council tax rise, but this is because there is a growing population of older people and the Government has accepted that 2% will be ear-marked for the ageing population's care needs in the future. The council tax is still low compared to other counties. Because of the 3.99% rise, fire stations, libraries etc. have been saved from closure. The 3.99% rise may have to happen again next year. £7m has been given to N.C.C. and the Committee system will decide how it will be spent. On the subject of Devolution, Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridge was supposed to be a combined authority with an elected Mayor but it is still under discussion. £1m over several years will be given and the money will be made up from revenue and capital. A decision will be made soon as to whether or not to send out a document for consultation. The new leader at N.C.C. is from the Conservative group. Internet connection problems are still ongoing and Cllr Kiddle-Morris will investigate the problem in the parish. Pot holes are also a problem that needs resolving, especially on the High Street. At Springwell Cottage flooding was quite a problem and Engineers are going to put in a gully. On the High Street there is a bit of a dip and heavy rain causes a flooding problem there also.

4. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

David Burton, the Parish Council Chairman read out his report and commented on the allotments, the playing field, which had cables buried underground, dog fouling, which is an ongoing problem, the disappearance of the new bin, grass cutting by Gary Lake and the new website, which is well used.

5. To receive reports from village Clubs and Organisations

Mrs Kirsten Stibbon, Headteacher, Brisley CEVA Primary School, read out a very full and informative report that had been written by her and Class Three pupils.

The Treasurer of the Whissonsett Village Hall & Playing Fields Committee, Dawn Rangeley, had created a very full and informative report, which was distributed.

PCSO Smith reported that over the last year there had only been 3 reported instances, one was a missing person, one was a missing dog and the third was a Domestic situation. He was informed that a resident, who rides a motor bike, does so without wearing a crash helmet. He said he has an idea who it might be, so he will investigate the situation. Vandalism has also occurred at the Church, as windows have been smashed.

Mr Burton read out a report regarding the 100 Club.

Mr Burton read out the report for the Whissonsett Carpet Bowls Club, which had been prepared by the Chairman of the Club, Mr Mike Pye. He also read out the report from the Whissonsett Bowls Club, which had been prepared by Mr Richard Andrews, the Club's Secretary.

Mr Burton read out the report from the Whissonsett Parochial Church Council, which had been prepared by Mrs Sue Rutter.

Mr Burton read out the report on Messy Church that had been prepared by Hilary Weston. Mr Burton read out a report on the 2010 Group that had been prepared by Jean Hart.

A report from Lesley Pegg regarding the Whissonsett Arts and the Whissonsett Footpaths had been left at the meeting for people to read.

A report from the Whissonsett Women's' Group had been left at the meeting for people to read.

All the submitted reports will be attached to the minutes and where possible the reports will be put on the website.

6. To discuss any intended Forward Plans

There were no particular forward plans to discuss.

7. To discuss the draft end of year Accounts

The Parish Council briefly discussed the draft end of year accounts. Throughout the year the Parish Council had received £18,209.80. There was £15,000.00 obtained through the precept. At the beginning of the year the Parish Council had £10,198.26 in its bank account. The expenses amounted to £10,412.05. The Parish Council ended the financial year by being £17,995.21 in credit. V.A.T. to the value of £71.92 is waiting to be received back from HM Customs & Excise.

8. Any Other Business

No-one had any further matters they wished to discuss.

9. To set the date and time for the next Annual Parish meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 25th May 2017 at 7.00 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting finished at 8.25 p.m.

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Chairman of the Parish Council

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Date