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MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON 25TH MAY 2017 AT 7.00 P.M. IN
WHISSONSETT VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris, Mr Bernard Barker, Mr John Wilson,
Mrs Caroline Wilson, Ms Dawn Rangeley, Mr Stephen Bird,
Mr David Drew, Mrs Shirley Drew, Mrs Sally Dye, Mr John Newton,
Mr Graham Buckley, Mr James Daniels 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 David Stangroom, Mrs Janet Stangroom and Dist. Cllr Trevor Carter.

2. To confirm minutes of Meeting of Parish held on 12th May 2016

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

3. To report on any matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

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

Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that Cliff Jordon is now the Leader at N.C.C. The Committees only meet every 6 weeks, so decisions can only be made every 6 weeks but in 2019 decision making will change back to the old system. The budget is having a robust investigation and the budget overspend had to be addressed. All the budgets were able to start at zero. There was criticism regarding the Children's Services. An audit was carried out and it has reported that the situation is now good. Adult Social Care is a financial problem but people want to retire to Norfolk and eventually they need care of some sort. The adult social care budget will have to increase over the coming years. N.C.C. are running the Better Broadband for Norfolk Scheme. Cllr Kiddle-Morris is still on the Children's Services Committee and has been for the last 8 years. He discussed recycling with those present and the restrictions that are put on residents regarding what can be recycled and the increase in fly tipping.

Dist Cllr Carter had sent a very comprehensive report, which will be put on the website and attached to the minutes.

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

It has been a relatively uneventful year in terms of expenditure. The grass cutting and maintenance of play equipment has taken quite a percentage of the precept. The website has been renewed. The defibrillator has been attended to. There are 2 Parish Councillor vacancies and it is important to fill them as quickly as possible. The bus shelter has been painted and a Litter Pick has been done. The Parish Council tries to maintain a standard but it is demoralising when attempts are made to keep things in good order and the minority of the residents ruin things. Mr David Burton and Mr Adrian Mountain have both resigned this year.

6. To receive reports from village Clubs and Organisations

The 100 Club Report. The Club runs from 1st July to 30th June and has 133 members, 10 of which joined in December. Most members pay £12 in July. Each month £50 is paid out in prize money, 1 of £20, 1 of £15, 1 of £10 and 1 of £5, and in December a bonus of £220. Thanks to Mr Blake, who organizes the draw.

Whissonsett Village Hall Committee. A very comprehensive and informative report was produced for the meeting by Dawn Rangeley. It will be displayed on the website and attached to the minutes.

Whissonsett Women's Group. There are 20 members. There was a visit to the Playbarn at Brisley, where hand painted mugs were made and kept, a visit to Langham Glass, where members could do some glass blowing. There was also a visit to Dale Farm and a lovely supper took place at a member's garden. There was a visit from Rachel Duffield, a marvellous singer and we had a Christmas Party.

The P.C.C. report was compiled by Sue Rutter. It was very informative and will be available to view on the website and will be attached to the minutes.

Whissonsett Horticultural Society report was compiled by the Chairperson, Sian Griffiths and was very informative. It will be attached to the minutes and placed on the website.

Whissonsett Bowls Club Report. The last year has been one of the most successful in the life of the club, winning the West Section of the County League and the East Section, making the Club the best bowls federation team in Norfolk. The club also won the Norfolk Subsidiary Cup. Two members won the Norfolk Federation Under 25 Pairs Competition. One of these people, Danny Cawthorne is also the current English National Federation Indoor Singles Champion. Unfortunately only 3 of the members actually live in Whissonsett.

Whissonsett Carpet Bowls Club. The Club is now 25 years old and the membership is the same as when it started. Members meet on Tuesdays, have played matches with other clubs with mixed results. The members had an enjoyable Christmas dinner in Weasenham, and hope it will continue for another 25 years.

The 2010 Group meets twice a month, with about 10 members. People do knitting, sewing, drawing, craftwork, etc. Informal instruction ranging from silk painting, marbling, printing, drawing and embroidery techniques has been given and news of exhibitions and events is shared. Some people knit hats and blankets for the Kings Lynn Premature Baby Unit plus sell work at the annual Craft Fayre to raise funds for the Church and Village Hall.

A very informative report had been received from Brisley CEVA Primary School. It will be put on the website and attached to the minutes.

7. To discuss any intended future village plans

Mrs Dye thought it would be good to see the residents of the village motivated and to try to get more people to become Parish Councillors. The Parish Councillors intend to meet up and go on a village walk to identify any problems.

8. To discuss briefly the draft Parish Council accounts

The Parish Council Clerk had distributed a financial statement for discussion. There were no concerns with the accounts.

9. To discuss Ant Other Business

Mr David Drew said he would like to be given the opportunity to quote for the grass cutting contract in the village, when it is next up for tender.

10. To set the date and time for next year's Annual Parish meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 24th May 2018 at 7.00 p.m.
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting finished at 8.04 p.m.

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Chairman of the Parish Council

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