

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of the Parish of Walpole held in the Pavilion, Walpole on Tuesday, May 17th 2016 at 7-40pm.

Present: Cllr. David Cask (Chairman), Cllr. Mike Porter (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. M. Bygrave, Cllr. Zoé Mair, Cllr. A. Thomas, Cllr. David Whitwood, Paul Widdowson (Clerk) plus three parishioners plus one parishioner who arrived at 8-04pm:

Apologies: Cllr. Rob Chase, Cllr. Nick Jarvis, Cllr. I. Newton, Cllr. John Winter and Cllr. M. Wenham:

1) Reports: County and District Councillors, Police and Local Groups & Organisations.

The Clerk said that he had received a report from County and District Councillor S. Burroughes.

Cllr. A. Thomas gave the Walpole Allotments Society Report.

The Cookpole Energy Action Ltd Report from Simon Weeks is attached to these Minutes.

The Cookley and Walpole Good Neighbours Report from Pam Neil is attached to these Minutes.

The George Calver Charity Report is attached to these Minutes. Pam Neil also gave a verbal report saying that £993-97 had been spent on bibles for the pupils at Bramfield Primary School who were leaving this year.

There was no Police Report or Footpaths Report. Therese Coffey MP sent a written report and Cllr. Z. Mair gave a report for the Cookley and Walpole Playing Field Trust with an aim for play equipment to be set up.

2) Approve Minutes: Annual Parish Meeting on May 19th 2015.

The Minutes were approved.

3) Matters arising from Minutes.

There were no Matters Arising.

4) Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report

The Chair's Report was circulated and the Chair read out his Annual Report.

5) Summary of Parish Council Audited Accounts to 31 March 2016.

The Clerk reported that last year (2014-2015), the Receipts were Precept Income of £5023-00 which including the carry forward of £5624 from 2013-2014 and other income of £3322 equalled £13 969. With payments of £8 622, this left a carry forward of £5347 to next year.

The Clerk reported that this year (2015-2016), the Receipts were Precept Income of £5377 which including the carry forward of £5347 from 2014-2015 and other income of £2355 equalled £13 079. With payments of £7 958, this left a carry forward of £5121 to next year.

At the end of March 2016 the Community Account had £4060-90 in it and the Savings Account £1095-78.

6) Local Issues:

A parishioner said that as they had walked around the village, they could not do a complete circuit as the area next to the river was so overgrown. It was agreed that the tree officer councillor would have a meeting with Will Austin over what needs to be cut on the village Green.

7) Any other business approved by the chairman and time permitting

A parishioner noted that the Village Green looks much better now.

The Meeting ended at 8-10pm.