

Minutes of the ANNUAL Parish Meeting of the Parish of Cookley held in the Pavilion, Walpole on Tuesday, May 16th 2017 at 7pm.

Present: Cllr. David Cask (Chairman), Cllr. Mike Porter (Vice-Chairman) (arrived at 7-20pm), Cllr. Rob Chase, Cllr. Nick Jarvis, Cllr. Zoé Mair, Cllr. Susan Moore; Cllr. I. Newton (arrived 7-30pm) and Cllr. David Whitwood:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and one parishioner were also present:

Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. Anne Thomas
Cllr. Mark Wenham
Cllr. Jon Winter
County and District Councillor Stephen Burroughes

Approve Minutes: Annual Parish Meetings on May 17th 2016:

The Minutes were approved.

Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report

Cllr. Z. Mair said that it had been a busy year taken up much with contacting County Highways regarding overgrown verges. The Parish Council Chair said that she would like to contact landowners to do their best to keep verges cut back if they were on their land.

The Chair said that Cllr. R. Chase was taking the lead in the Parish Council purchasing a defibrillator for Walpole. It was hoped to locate it in the telephone box in Walpole with solar power providing the small amount of electricity to power and keep the defibrillator and telephone box temperature above freezing.

Finally Cllr. Z. Mair thanked all the Parish Councillors for their work and support over the last year. She welcomed Cllr. S. Moore to the Council and said that there was a vacancy for a further Cookley Councillor.

Reports: County and District Councillor S. Burroughes:

County and District Councillor S. Burroughes' County and District Reports were circulated to the Meeting and are available to read from the Parish Clerk.

Reports: Local Groups & Organisations.

There was no Cookley Town Estate Report. Cllr. R. Chase was asked to see if one could be provided.

The following reports were read to the Meeting and are available to read from the Parish Clerk.

The Cookpole Energy Action Ltd Report from Simon Weeks.

The Cookley and Walpole Good Neighbours Report from Pam Neil.

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.

Summary of Parish Council Audited Accounts to 31 March 2018.

The Clerk reported that last year (2016-2017), the Receipts were Precept Income of £5779 which including the carry forward of £5121 from 2015-2016 and other income of £975 equalled £11 875. With payments of £6175, this left a carry forward of £5700 to next year.

The Clerk reported that this year (2017-2018), the Receipts were Precept Income of £8000-00 which including the carry forward of £5700-38 from 2016-2017 and other income of £1914-11 equalled £15 614-49. With payments of £6484-36, this left a carry forward of £9130-13 to next year. At the end of March 2018 the Community Account had £8961-55 in it and the Savings Account £1096-94 totalling £10 058.49. However with four cheques and a £35 that cannot be accounted for from several years ago that totals £928-36, the reconciled amount in the Bank Account is £9130-13.

The Clerk said that he had much trouble in changing the address and other details on the accounts at Barclays Bank.

Local Issues

It was reported that the ford on the bend on the road between Walpole and Cookley runs over the road and freezes over in winter. It was noted that water freezes over in several places across the road in Cookley.

A resident asked about painting both telephone boxes. It was agreed to look at Community Payback completing this task but it was noted that they would need a toilet provided. Cllr. M. Porter said that he may still have some red paint.

Any other business approved by the chairman and time permitting

There was no any other business.

The Meeting ended at 7-35pm.