

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON 14TH MAY 2015 AT 7.00 P.M. IN
WHISSONSETT VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mrs Ann English, Mr David Stangroom, Mrs Janet Stangroom, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris, Mr Robert Ford, Mrs Victoria Hall, Mrs Pam Barker, Mr Bernard Barker, Mr John Wilson, Mrs Caroline Wilson, Mr Malcolm Davenport, Mrs Eileen McLernon, Mr David Kosbab, Mrs Vivien Daniels, Mr David Burton, Mrs Kirsten Stibbon (Headteacher, Brisley CEVA Primary School), Mr Graham Buckley, Mr James Daniels, Mr John Newton, Mrs Sally Dye, Mr Bruce Andrews, Mr Adrian Mountain 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 Mrs Lesley Pegg.

2. To confirm minutes of Meeting of Parish held on 21st May 2014

Mrs English proposed the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Mr Davenport 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 had provided two reports, one as his position as County Councillor for Necton and Launditch from 2014 – 2015 and the other as Breckland District Councillor for Launditch Ward for the same period. Mrs Hubbard read out both reports and they will be attached to the minutes.

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

The main points in his report were:-

The Parish Council purchased a Sam2 speed monitoring camera and it has had a marked effect on speeding drivers. There is a serious dog fouling problem in the village, so signs were purchased and erected and another dog bin was purchased. Due to the Ann Stangroom Trust being dissolved in 2014, the Parish Council received a cash payment of approximately £800.00 and this was used to purchase a seat which was positioned at Stocks Hill, with an accompanying plaque dedicated to A Stangroom. A new double notice board has been erected at the entrance to the Church for use by the Church and the Parish Council. Last year the Parish Council took back the allotments as they were in a terrible state but will be ready to re-let again in a few weeks. The final small piece of land near the playing field has now been registered with the Land Registry and all the property deeds are held with the solicitors Butcher Andrews in Fakenham. The badly vandalized bus shelter has been repainted and the Police became involved, talking to pupils at Litcham High School. The problem now seems to be in hand. Last year the Village Hall Committee resigned and a new one was formed, but due to lack of support the new committee may soon resign. The Parish Councillors are trustees so they cannot run the hall. If new people do not come forward the Village Hall will struggle to survive. Earlier the idea of a new village hall was discussed but without local support, this idea will have to be put on hold. Financially the Parish Council accounts are still looking healthy and the Councillors have all worked hard to achieve the right balance of expenditure. After many years of running the website, Mr Campbell has decided to retire from the job. A new, modern site is now up and running and it has a facility for individual organisations to obtain a password and load their own material onto it. It seems to be very well used with over 1,100 hits recorded in the couple of months it has been used.

The Chairman was thanked for his report.

5. To receive reports from village Clubs and Organisations

A very full report had been created by Mr Davenport and Mrs Wilson regarding the Village Hall and it was presented by Mrs Wilson. The report will be attached to the minute.

Mrs Stangroom read out the report for the Whissonsett Parochial Church Council.

Mr Burton read out a report received from Mr Mike Pye regarding the Whissonsett Carpet Bowls Club.

Mr Burton read out a report he had received regarding the Whissonsett & District Horticultural Society.

Mr Burton read out a report received from Mr Richard Andrews on behalf of Whissonsett Bowls Club.

Mr Burton read out a report he had received from Mrs Jean Hart regarding the 2010 Group.

Mr Burton read out a report he had received from Mrs Hilary Weston regarding the Messy Church.

Mrs Kirsten Stibbon read out her report regarding the Brisley CEVA Primary School. This report and all the others will be attached to the minutes.

The Year Police report received by Mrs Hubbard is as follows:-

32 crimes in total and crime year to year has increased by 9

15 non crime offences that need reporting 1 burglary from dwelling 1 Drugs

2 criminal damage 1 sexual offence 3 thefts

9 crimes of Violence

6. To discuss any intended Forward Plans

The only intended future project was the idea of perhaps having a new Village Hall but due to the dilemma of the Committee, this idea has had to be put on hold.

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 £13,067.54. There was £11,000.00 obtained through the precept. A mistake was made as £13,000 precept should have been requested. At the beginning of the year the Parish Council had £15,094.69 in its bank account. The expenses amounted to £17,963.97. The Parish Council ended the financial year by being £10,198.26 in credit. V.A.T. to the value of £318.98 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 12th May 2016.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting finished at 8.10 p.m.

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Chairman of the Parish Council

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Date