

MINUTES OF THE HINDERCLAY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

9th May 2019

Hinderclay Village Hall

19:00 – 19:45

Present – Cllrs John Davie-Thornhill, Paul Rose, Lindsey Aves, Brian Brinkley, David Emerton, Karen Calton

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

2. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (10th May 2018)

The minutes were approved by all in favour.

3. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - MS J FLEMING

Councillor Fleming provided an update on the new County Council administration, A140 upgrades and other major road upgrades, Suffolk Highways services, the Historic Records Centre, Suffolk Recycling Centres, broadband provisions, the planning of major projects and the Council's budget.

4. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - MS J FLEMING

Councillor Fleming provided an update on the new District Council's administration, housing land supply, the Local Plan for development, the spending of funds raised by the Community Infrastructure Levy, Neighbourhood Development Plans and the partnership with the Norse Group to build local housing on council-owned land.

5. ANNUAL REPORTS

a) VILLAGE HALL

Patrick Aves gave the Chairman's report for the Village Hall. The report noted the regular sources of income from the hire of the hall by local groups. In addition, the Harvest Supper and Village Breakfast also raised money. Other income from the Little Ernie Draw and the recycling banks help to support the Village Hall. The recent repair work to the exterior of the building was noted and the plans to refurbish the entrance hall and bar area were described.

b) FENS / CHARITY

Reg Langston provided a report on the Hinderclay Fen noting the increase in walkers, tree management, variations in wildlife, sediment load in the Little Ouse River and the acquisition of Reeves Meadows.

David Ireland provided an update on the finances of the Fen Charity.

c) PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Kate Rose presented the report for St Mary's Church. It noted the new parish priest, legal changes to the benefice, the event to mark the 100 year anniversary of World War One, the opening and maintenance of the church, toilet installation, finances, other events and the mission of the church.

d) TREE WARDEN

No report given.

e) FOOTPATH WARDEN

Shirley Bishop provided the report on Hinderclay's public rights of way. The report noted the good general condition of the paths due to the dry spring. The varying widths of the paths were described along with the maintenance that had taken place. The need for further maintenance either side of the footbridge was stated. The condition of the footpath signs was described in detail along with the actions that had been taken to report their condition.

f) CATCHMENT SCHOOL – ST BOLTOPHS

No report given.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

John Davie-Thornhill presented the 2018-19 financial report for Hinderclay Parish Council. A deficit of £1,871 was reported due to the planned purchase and installation of the Village defibrillator.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

John Davie-Thornhill delivered the Chairman's report which noted the maintenance and improvements that had been made to the Village, increase to the Parish Precept and the Parish Council's work to represent the best interests of the Village when considering planning applications. The improved condition of the roads, bridleways and footpaths was described along with the reduction in local crime and increase in policing. The efforts of local residents in maintaining the Village and Church were praised and thanks were given to, Jane Jones, the previous Clerk. Matthew Larkin, the new Clerk was welcomed.

8. PARISH MATTERS

None received.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The 14th of May 2020.