

Minutes of the ANNUAL Parish Meeting of the Parish of Cookley held in the Pavilion, Walpole on Tuesday, May 15th 2018 at 7pm.

Present: Cllr. Rob Chase, Cllr. I. Newton and Cllr. John Winter

Also Present:

Cllr. Zoé Mair (Chairman), Cllr. David Cask, Cllr. Susan Moore; Cllr. Anne Thomas (Vice-Chairman), and Cllr. David Whitwood:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk), County and District Councillor Stephen Burroughes and one parishioner (left 7-40pm) were also present:

Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. Nick Jarvis
Cllr. Mike Porter
Cllr. Mark Wenham

To approve the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting on May 16th 2017:

The Minutes were approved.

Proposer: Cllr. I. Newton: Second: Cllr. J. Winter:

An Annual Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council:

The Clerk distributed the Chair's Report which she read out. The Report is available with these Minutes.

A Report from the County and District Councillor S. Burroughes:

The Suffolk Coastal District Council Annual Report and Current Report are available with these Minutes. They were distributed to the meeting.

However County and District Councillor S. Burroughes added that as Suffolk Coastal District Council is charging for the garden waste bin now, parishioners should now be receiving a bigger bin. He said that he thought the recent meeting with Flagship had been successful and that he believed that there would be another meeting soon. There was some discussion on the issues and it was noted that some tenants are having their heating system changed. County and District Councillor S. Burroughes reported that there was a new plan for work on Sizewell C to begin next year and that there was a new lake in Huntingfield that should lessen flooding further down river in Cookley and Walpole. It was agreed to put this on the agenda of future Parish Council Meeting where road flooding would also be discussed.

Reports from Local Groups & Organisations:

Reports were received from the Cookpole Energy Action Group, the Walpole and Cookley Playing Field Trust, Cookley and Walpole Good Neighbours, the Time Team and the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Their reports are available with these Minutes.

Cllr. R. Chase gave a report for the Cookley Trust and the Cookley Town Estate. He said that the allotments next to the church generate around £1000 and this money is spent on maintaining the fabric of Cookley Church.

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.

There was some discussion led by Cllr. I. Newton on the level of reserves and whether the Council should hold the current amount of reserves.

Local Issues:

There was some discussion on how to deal with water freezing on the roads which causes traffic issues and then long term damage to the road surface.

Any other business approved by the Chairman:

There was no other business.

The Meeting ended at 8-02pm.