

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Winterton-on-Sea
Wednesday 22nd May 2019 7.30pm Winterton-on-Sea Village Hall**

Present: Eric Lund (Parish Council Chairman)
John Allen
Nigel Coe
Roger Jarvis
Catherine Moore (Parish Clerk)
Borough Councillor James Bensley
12 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Alec Sutton, Ron Hanton and Caroline Rankin.

2. Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2018 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

3. Parish Council Reports

a) Chairman's Report

Eric Lund, Parish Council Chairman, gave his report which is attached at Appendix 1.

b) Financial Report

Catherine Moore, Parish Clerk, gave her report which is attached at Appendix 1.

4. Reports from Village Organisations

a) Village Hall Committee

Chris Barlow reported that it had been a successful year for the Village Hall, especially with the Cinema Group starting, as well as regular dog training. She thanked Norman Parcell for taking on the bookings secretary role, and Keith Jones for undertaking maintenance. The storage areas had been refurbished. The Salvation Army collection was exceptional, and the sub-group for fundraising were supportive. She thanked everyone for their enthusiasm. Chris reported that the 2018 Garage Sale had 64 bookings however it was a wet day. The late summer fete was a good day and was well supported, with an excellent dog show delivered by Ayesha. The Christmas Fayre raised £1,600. Chris reported that many committee members had served since the inception of the Village Hall, and the Committee had had autonomy over their finances for over 20 years. She felt that in the last year the Parish Council had exerted influence without being supportive, and for that reason some members had decided to step away due to the way that change had happened. She thanked the Committee and the Fund Raising Sub-Committee, noting that she would miss the fun and friendship, finishing by wishing the past and new committee well.

Parochial Church Council

Father John Bloomfield reported that he had arrived in Winterton in February, and took up his duties in March. He thanked the church helpers for their help during the period of transition. Legal churchwardens would be appointed in June, and he noted that this was a legal, civil role. The 'Open The Book' project had begun, which helped children hear bible stories. On the first Sunday of each month a volunteer day took place to maintain the churchyard. The church had

hosted a choral concert, craft fairs, harvest lunch, WW1 centenary commemorations, tower openings, and a Christmas bazaar. In the interregnum period the church had been looked after by retired priests, and the Bishop of Thetford had led a service. There had been two weddings in 2018. On Sea Sunday the Mayor and cadets had attended church. There had been problems with the grass cutting which had got into the media. Also there were issues with grave regulations being ignored. This was being resolved. The Church Rooms had been redecorated. Father John reminded those present that the church was there for everyone, not just the congregation.

Gardening Club

Beverley Kay gave a report on behalf of the Gardening Club which is attached at Appendix 2.

Lifeboat Restoration

Beverley Kay gave a report on behalf of the Lifeboat Restoration Group which is attached at Appendix 3.

Friendship Club

Di Jones reported that there were 43 members of the Friendship Club. A holiday in Cheshire had taken place, as well as visits out to lots of locations. The Club joined up with Martham to help pay for it. The Club hosted bingo, a birthday party, and a Christmas party. Di thanked Smiths Coaches for stepping in, and thanked the Committee for all their hard work.

Lunch Club

Di Jones reported that 20 members met fortnightly at East Coast restaurant. This was a light hearted and enjoyable group which was self-funding, and was enjoyed by lonely and vulnerable people.

Prayer and Praise

Di Jones reported that the group met on the first Tuesday of the month.

Carers Group

Brian Jewel reported that the Group was in its fifth year and was very successful. The group had 37 members, 20 were carers and 12 cared for, with 5 ex-carers. He expressed his thanks to Carers Matters Norfolk for their support. The group met on the last Tuesday of the month, and often had a guest speaker. Social events were hosted both locally and further afield. The group received funding from Carers Matter as well as its own fund raising. Brian noted that the biggest issue was people recognising that they were in a caring role and seeking the support that they needed.

Winterton Trust Fund

Jane Roberts reported that the Fund assisted local people, mainly with fuel grants. Although the Fund kept in budget, the interest on investments had decreased so there would be less to pay out.

Bowls Club

Chris Barlow reported that there were 35 members who met on a Saturday afternoon from April to September. The Club played in two leagues and was successful. The green was kept by volunteers, who also carried out general maintenance. An open day had been held in April, as well as a presentation

dinner. The new season had begun, new members were welcome and no experience was needed.

In Bloom

John Allen gave a report on behalf of In Bloom which is attached at Appendix 4.

Cadets

It was reported that the Cadets were a self-funding voluntary group which was affiliated to the National Federation. There were 36 cadets on the books, some of whom presented different difficulties. Staff were thanked for the time they freely gave. The troop had gained an award for work around inclusion. The troop had recently enjoyed a trip to France, which was an experience some would never otherwise get. Trips around the UK had taken place as well. Music had been suspended as cadets with musical experience were not coming through, although the drum corps was still active. The band had taken part in charity performances. The troop met at Winterton and at Caister, although there were problems with the building structure at Caister. The Cadets thanked the Village Hall Committee for their understanding, and confirmed that they wanted to continue the close relationship, and to continue to participate in the village.

James Bensley - Borough Councillor

James thanked those present for re-electing him to the Borough Council. He noted that he was available to assist on Borough matters as required. The new Leader of the Borough Council was Carl Smith. A community clean up event would be taking place shortly. A meeting would be set up with the school to look at local events, and a possible Heritage Centre. James noted that the Geoffrey Watling Trust may be able to assist with funding.

Standing orders were reinstated.

5. Resolutions where Notice has been given

None.

6. General Parish Comments

None.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

CHAIRMAN