**DENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**



**Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting Monday May 18th 2015 Jubilee Hall 7.00pm**

***Councillors:*** Robert C. T. Wardley (Chairman) Matt Lunn, (Vice Chair), Robert C. Rous, Nick Watts, Mary Mann, Matt Lunn, John Calver, Katherine Whitbread, Doris Dearing

Copied to: ***District Cllr***: Paul Rous; ***County Cllr:*** Stephen Burroughes : ***Police:*** PC Kevin Mann

**Present:** Robert C. T. Wardley (Chairman) Matt Lunn, (Vice Chair), Robert C. Rous, Mary Mann, Matt Lunn,John Calver, Katherine Whitbread, Doris Dearing, D. Cllr P. Rous, P. Lamb, J. Maberly, R. Steward, D. Keating, M. Wells, E. Cross, V. Jones, T. Rous, M. Archard, P. Reeve

**Clerk**: R. Hart

1. **APOLOGIES** PC K.Mann, C.C Stephen Burroughes
2. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON May 12th 2014 These were noted having been agreed at a previous meeting**
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Wardley - DCC, Suffolk Constabulary; Cllr Rous - Church, DCC, Sports Club, Village Hall; Cllr Mann – Village Hall, Cllr Lunn – Sports Club
4. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: Robert C.T.Wardley.** Cllr Wardley outlined the roles and resonsibilities of the Council and summarised their work of the preceding year. (His full report can be found on the website)

**5. REPORTS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES:**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL:** C.Cllr Stephen Burroughes (his full report can be found on the website)

SCC freezes council tax for fifth year in a row

Public meeting on Lowestoft third crossing sees debate of options

Suffolk schools’ ascent of league tables confirmed

Big improvements in early years and Keystage 1 results

Suffolk first in the country to extend better broadband programme

Drive to create 5,000 new approecticeships to address skills shortage

UK’s first youth employment centre opens in Suffolk

Multi million pound investment in skills secured

Norfolk’s waste to create energy in Suffolk

Suffolk’s blue-light partnership awarded nearly £5million in funding

County Council pledge to tackle mental health

Stay safe scheme badges launched across Suffolk

SCC awarded for nationalcare2work programme

Suffolk fire and rescue service celebrates 40 years

**SUFFOLK ANNUAL CRIME REPORT:** PC Kevin Mann (his full report an be found on the website)

14 reported crimes in Dennington May 1st 2014 – Mar 30th 2015 as follows:-

1 burglary with intent

3 burglary other buildings

4 theft rom motor vehicle

1 interference with motor vehicle

1 driving a motor vehicle with excess alcohol

1 domestic incident (non crime)

1 harassment (non crime)

1 message letter/email threat

1 cause harassment and alarm

For the same period 2013/14 there were 18 reported crimes as follows:-

3 burglary offences

4 theft offences

0 drug offences

1 public order and harassment offences

0 drink drive offences

4 criminal damage offences

3 crimes relating to other offences

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:** No report was received from the outgoing district councillor. The meeting welcomed Cllr Paul Rous to his first meeting who said that he was looking forward to working with the parish.

**6. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS:**

**i. DENNINGTON C.E.V.C.P. SCHOOL:** Ms E. Cross, the Chair of Governors presented the report. (the full report can be found on the website). Her report covered the following areas \_ Ofsted INspection, Federation, Class structure, Sporting eveents and competitions, Enrichment, Caring for others and premises.

ii. DENNINGTON VILLAGE HALL (the full report can be found on the website).

In summary, his report was as follows:-Mr Maberly began his report by thanking the outgoing Chairperson, Mr D. Dunnett for all his hard work. He also thanked a number of people for working behind the scenes and/or unasked in many different ways.

The Village Hall is used on a reasonably regular basis by a number of local users which include:- WI, Sports Club, Badminton Club, Parish Council, Chamber Orchestra and the Rabbit Club.

The 100 club continues to add extra income to our funds and is fully subscribed at the moment.

The coffee morning has been a resounding success. We now need to build on that for the future.

In the last 5 years, the income of the Hall has dropped by 60%. Up until 31st March, income was £6082.00 with expenditure £5423.00. thus a miniscule profit. Obviously due to many factors, but to draw people back into the Hall, it needs to be refurbished somewhat.

The Creative Committee have proposed some serious refurbishment that is required to bring the Hall back to being a facility the village can be proud of. We aim to ensure it is both attractive and functional and that the refurbishment will be good for another 25 years. Mr Maberley went on to outline these in detail.

Dennington Charities have donated £5000.00 to the Hall to help get these projects underway, and C. Cllr S. Burroughes has pledged some funding to improve the car park entrance.

There are plans underway for a number of new functions/events. (Please see website for full details).

Dennington Newsletter **-** sponsored by Village Hall and Sports Club

The first edition of this will be out in June. Sally O’Keeffe is the editor. Ist edition will be 8 pages of A5 – brief – the next will be fuller.

Conclusion

A real momentum is developing at present in relation to the Hall. Through the newsletter, and at a presentation to the village in September, we hope to re-ignite a sense of ‘ownership’ in our own unique facility. We hope that all of you will take that on board and will become part of its future. We intend to establish a series of activities throughout the year which are of real interest which will assist in bringing in funds, so any ideas are welcome.

**iii. WOMEN’S INSTITUTE:**  Ms M Archard presented the report from the President, C. Cullingford. The WI is thriving with a membership of thirty. During the past year they have enjoyed a number of excellent speaker that have included taks on Old Framlingham, The Amazon River, jewellery design, Forty years at the forge, remarkable women of Ipswich and Vivia Bamford on her Sciapod Dairy. The “WI Men” joined the summer outing, a river trip on the Deben, and also for the Christmas party. This year the national W.I. becomes 100 years old and to celebrate a Garden Party will be held in July.

**iv. DENNINGTON SPORTS CLUB:** The report was presented by Mr R. Steward. He reported that the Sports Club and Village Hall were working more closely together and jointly held a quiz night. Regular clubs using the facilities include Bowls, Tennis and Badminton, with Framlingham footballers using the pitch too. The climbing frame has been replaced and work has been undertaken to repair/replace some of the drains. The summer fete raised approx £1,500. He thanked the village for its contiuned support.

**v. DENNINGTON CONSOLIDATED CHARITIES:** Mr P. Lamb presented the report. He informed the village that th charity meets twice a year with a remit of providng grants for the needy/elderly of the parish and that anyone individual or organisation can apply. Grants have been provided for Christmas boxes, students studying in higher education, the school ,the Parish Council for their mower fund, the Village Hall, and to those who are ill.

**vi. DENNINGTON ALLOTMENT AND GARDENERS’ ASSOCIATION:** Ms P. Welham presented the report**.** There are now 31 members and 19 plots ranging from full plots to quarter plots. All existing plots have now been taken. The society would like to thank Dennington Consolidated Charities for a generous donatiojn which enabled them to buy mushroom compost, shingle and sand. Society is now a member of the Allotment Society of G.B. At the AGM in March the problem of theft and damage to sheds was discussed and thre treasurer is to look into the cost of insurance cover. Finances at the AGM stood at £700 with some plot fees still to be paid. The society aims to hold a BBQ in the summer, and hopes the allotments are enjoyed by all.

**7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR PARISH MATTERS RAISED BY ATTENDEES WHICH COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Open Forum**

Mrs T Rous reported that she was now the point of contact for Dennington for the recently formed Framlingham food bank.

Meeting closed 8.10

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