

DENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday May 15th 2017

JUBILEE HALL 7.00pm

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

Copied to: **District Cllr:** Paul Rous; **County Cllr:** Stephen Burroughes :

Present: Robert C. T. Wardley (Chairman), Katherine Whitbread (Vice Chair), Mary Mann, John Calver, Doris Dearing, Rebecca.Smith, C.Cllr Stephen Burroughes, Ms P. Welham, Mr James Maberly, Ms M Archard, Mr M Kendall

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr R. Rous, D.Cllr P. Rous, P. Lamb (Dennington Consolidated Charities), R. Steward (Dennington Sports and Social Club), Ms V. Jones (Headteacher Dennington CEVCP)
2. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON May 16th 2016.** It was noted that the minutes had been formally agreed at the Parish Council meeting July 18th 2016.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Wardley – Suffolk Constabulary, Dennington Consolidated Charities, Cllr Mann – Village Hall
4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Cllr Robert C.T.Wardley:** Cllr Wardley outlined the roles and responsibilities of the Council and summarised their work of the preceding year. This included monitoring and reporting to SCDC on the state of the roads and footpaths through the village, following up successfully several incidents of flytipping, repairing several of the oak posts on the village square (this is an ongoing job!) The council purchased 3 new picnic tables – 2 for outside the “Clothes Peg” and 1 for the Pond Site, and a defibrillator which will be sited at the bus shelter. He informed the meeting of the plans to hold some basic First Aid training in the Autumn. The Council considered 12 planning applications throughout the year. Cllr Wardley thanked a number of people who had given their time voluntarily who had worked in various capacities for the benefit of the village. These included Mrs S. Cunningham (website), Mr I. Mann (grass cutting, tree/hedging work, Mr D. Wright (grass cutting), Cllr Watts (tree/hedging work), Mr R. Steward (providing diesel for grass cutting).
(His full report can be found on the website)

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

Mrs R. Hart, Mary Vale, The Street, Ashfield cum Thorpe, Stowmarket, IP14 6LX 01728 685622 hart.ruth1@gmail.com

(I) SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL: COUNCILLOR Stephen Burroughes: This report had been circulated to councillors in advance of the meeting. The main headings of the report were as follows:-

- Suffolk Fostering and Adoption launch new approach to support foster families
- Bury St Edmunds to receive £2.8million for sustainable transport schemes
- Community Fire Volunteers wanted by Suffolk Fire and Rescue
- Travel in time – online!
- Suffolk recognised in inclusive education award
- Public Health Suffolk wants to hear from you!

(His full report can be found on the website).

- ii **SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY:** No report received
- iii **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: Paul Rous:** No report received.

6. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS:

i **DENNINGTON C.E.V.C.P. SCHOOL:** The Clerk reported that the Headteacher, Ms V. Jones, is due to retire at the end of the academic year, that the school roll stood at 50, rising to 55 in September.

ii **DENNINGTON VILLAGE HALL:** Mr. J. Maberly delivered an extensive report detailing the work on the village hall, the status of the bid for Lottery funding, together with the priorities for the next phase of development. It is hoped that improved liaison with neighbouring villages including the sharing and publicising of events etc will increase attendances and reduce diary clashes. He informed the meeting that the Newsletter has a new editor, Ms C. Jones, and that he hoped someone would come forward to take over the running of the website.

A short discussion followed focusing on how to encourage people to use the hall, and the sort of events, both one-off and regular, that might prove popular.

Chair Cllr Wardley thanked Mr Maberly for his report and hard work in moving the projects forward and wished him success in the bidding process.

(Further details can be found on the Village Hall website)

iii **DENNINGTON SPORTS CLUB:** Cllr. D. Dearing presented the report in the absence of Mr R. Steward, as summarised below:-

The accounts are due to be presented to the Club's AGM on May 22nd 2017 and will be available following that meeting. The tennis club has steadily increased its membership. Framlingham Sports Club hired the pitch for their juniors to play football during the winter and it is hoped they will return next year. Badminton Club meets on Mondays and a new basketball facility was installed during the year with some financial help from SCDC. Unfortunately the response to Kurling was disappointing. A limited number of fund raising events have been held including a car boot sale. The children's play area received some repairs to fixings on the climbing frame. The Chairman thanked Mr A. Neill for continuing to mow the sports field, and to Mr R. Dearing for help in maintaining the hedges etc. The Club is looking for new volunteers and ideas to take it forward, and the meeting noted the resignation of the treasurer, Mrs L. Lunn.

Chair Cllr Wardley thanked Cllr Dearing for the report.

vi **DENNINGTON CONSOLIDATED CHARITIES:** As Mr P. Lamb was unable to attend the meeting his report was read out. The report informed the meeting that the charity meets twice a year with a remit of providing 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 Parish Council for the defibrillator, and to those who are ill. The Charity plans to

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make donations for First Aid training, replacement fencing/posts around the allotment site, and solar panels for the village hall roof.
(The full report can be found on the website).

v DENNINGTON ALLOTMENT AND GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION: Ms P. Welham presented the report:-

This is the 8th year as an allotment and the site has evolved into a pleasant and productive area, visited by many from the village to admire with envy some of the immaculate plots and regard with interest others of a more eccentric nature. We now have 28 members, including one honorary member. The committee remains the same, since, despite encouragement, no other members had a burning desire to take over. 19 plots are being cultivated, some members having more than one plot and some only a half. At present, there is one vacant plot.

At the AGM, held 10th April, the finances stood at a £900, but most of the expenses are still outstanding for the coming year. Plot rents have been held at £30 for a full plot plus £5 for insurance for 2 people. Last Spring the association received a most welcome cheque from the Consolidated Charities to buy a load of mushroom compost, sand and shingle for the association. This disappeared very smartly. Unfortunately, the bees did not survive the winter, but we hope to encourage some to take up residence this year.

Early this year, we met up for an informal social in the Dennington Queen, but any other socialising is still to be decided. On the whole, the association is a friendly group of people enjoying working on a most attractive site which has its own special peaceful atmosphere.

vi Women's Institute: Mrs M. Archard presented the report as follows:-

The group has had an influx of new members due to the closure of the Badingham group, and now has to operate a waiting list of new members. A varied programme of speakers was enjoyed by all including – Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service, 100yrs of costume, microbiology, the work of a funeral director, flower arranging, the work of the Hedgehog Society and an evening with Stephen Bayfield. The group enjoyed a walk around Framlingham and the cemetery and a visit to local flower tunnels.

The group continue to knit “fiddle mats” for Alzheimer patients at Ipswich Hospital. Chair Cllr Wardley thanked her for the report and wished the group another successful year.

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

Nothing raised

The meeting closed at 8.25

SIGNED *R. Wardley*

DATE 17/07/17