

DENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday May 21st 2018

JUBILEE HALL 7.00pm

Councillors: Robert C. T. Wardley (Chairman) Katherine Whitbread, (Vice Chair), Robert C. Rous, Nick Watts, Mary Mann, Matt Lunn, John Calver, Rebecca Smith, Doris Dearing
Copied to: **District Cllr:** Paul Rous/Christopher Hudson; **County Cllr:** Stephen Burroughes

Present: Robert C. T. Wardley (Chairman), Katherine Whitbread (Vice Chair), Robert C. Rous, Mary Mann, Matt Lunn, John Calver, Katherine Whitbread, Rebecca Smith, Doris Dearing, J. Maberly (VH), R. Steward (SC), D. Keating, P. Welham, M. Archard, J. Dyne (WI). David Southern, Pamela Stevens-Turner (Allotments), John Jarvie (Allotments), Ian Page (School), Steve Lovett (School): District Councillor Christopher Hudson, County Councillor Stephen Burroughes

- 1. APOLOGIES:** None
- 2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON May 15th 2017:** These were noted having been agreed at a previous meeting
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Wardley – DCC; Cllr Mann – Village Hall, Cllr Lunn: Sports Club, Badingham Playgroup; Cllr R.Rous (DCC, Village Hall, Church), Cllr N. Watts (Village Hall),
- 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Councillor Wardley's report included the roles and responsibilities of the Council and listed the work that had been carried out during the year. (His full report can be found on the website, www.dennington.suffolk.cloud)
- 5. REPORTS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES:**
SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL: C. Cllr Stephen Burroughes (full report can be found on the website) Cllr. Burroughes reported that it had been a busy year as he had been elected Chairman of the County. He is due to end his term shortly. He has enjoyed his term and a source of satisfaction has been the amount raised for INSPIRE Suffolk: £15000. There have been a number of challenges throughout the year including setting the Budget and Highways. Regarding Highways, he admitted that jobs were not being done as quickly as they had been completed, due to lack of funding and budget cuts. He suggested that some of the problems may be improved by empowering Parish Councils to look after their own parish. There are a number of issues to be investigated before this could become viable, including insurance. There is a change of leadership with Councillor Hicks. A number of questions were raised including the numerous potholes following a difficult winter. Cllr. Burroughes agreed with the complaints and indicated that parishioners should keep reporting the problems online. Another question related to payment of work in parishes and how the suggestion of parish council care of some aspects of highways would be

organised, given current problems. Cllr Burroughes responded that the idea was still taking shape and there would be a need to remodel offers. Comments were made concerning the number and duration of road closures.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: Mr. Christopher Hudson: This is the penultimate year for Suffolk Coastal District Council to exist before joining Waveney. The amalgamation should provide savings and therefore more funds for the local area. A full report can be found on the website. Recent issues surround the new brown bin rules, Cllr. Hudson expressed concerns regarding the consequences of the new arrangements and that if there was not enough take up, the programme would be unsustainable. East Suffolk House has opened and he reminded parishioners of Suffolk Day on 21st June. Points raised by parishioners included the responsibility for parking, now that Suffolk Constabulary has said that it will no longer be responsible for parking violations. Cllr Hudson said that the District Council is presently looking for personnel to act as parking supervisors. A parishioner asked about the impact of housing in Framlingham. 194000 houses are planned for the whole area, replied Cllr Hudson and one cannot avoid the consequences. Infrastructure has not been planned properly. This led to a question about public transport for the elderly within the locality. Cllr Hudson agreed that there was a problem regarding public transport and that rural isolation is increasing.

6. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS:

DENNINGTON C.E.V.C.P. SCHOOL: Mr. Ian Page, Headteacher, spoke about the current success of the school – 60 current pupils with an oversubscribed intake for 2018/2019. However, education faces similar funding problems to those working within the local authorities. Schools need to be creative and look for a variety of ways in fulfilling the requirements for an excellent education. They are heavily reliant on volunteers to take on various roles within the school and he expressed his thanks to them. Parishioners were encouraged to look at the school website to see what is going on and perhaps think about helping. Currently, they are developing partnerships with other local schools to allow the school to tap into additional funding. He encouraged parishioners to go along and visit.

DENNINGTON VILLAGE HALL: (full report on the website) Mr. James Maberly expressed his optimism for the future developments in the Village Hall. They are moving forward with raising funds and it is hoped that building work will commence in July. Main point include the newsletter: Mr. Maberly expressed thanks to Carolyn Jones who has produced 4 editions. She increased advertisers and turned a profit, for the first time. However, she is moving on and there is a new editor, Jo Denton. For details of the Lottery Grant and more of the refurbishment plans, please see online report. The Village Hall committee has been approached by Badingham Playgroup to move their group to a mobile building in the Village Hall Car Park. They are now at the stage of producing a planning application. Queries were raised by those attending the meeting about the viability of the Playgroup coming to Dennington. Following much discussion, it was agreed by the Chairman and Mr. Maberly that there should perhaps be a Parish Meeting to discuss the topic further, so that members of the Playgroup Committee and others with interests would be able to attend.

DENNINGTON SPORTS CLUB: Mr. Roy Steward reported that there had been three meetings held during the year, with two new members of committee. He expressed thanks to the Parish Council for a £300 donation. Dennington Consolidated Charities had provided £5000 for new play facilities on the sports ground, as well as costs for certification. He expressed thanks to everyone who helped with the Jumble Sale which raised £844. Bowls Club are having some problems at present, but Badminton and, in particular, Tennis are doing very well, with many bookings on the court. Mr. Wardley indicated that as the Parish Council own the sport field they would purchase the equipment and be reimbursed by the sports club. It was also suggested that the Bowls Club should present full accounts. Mr. Steward also suggested discussion of joining the Sports Club Committee to the Village Hall Committee.

DENNINGTON CONSOLIDATED CHARITIES: Mr. Robert Rous presented the report. He informed the village that the charity meets twice a year with a remit of providing grants for

the needy/elderly of the parish and that any individual or organisation can apply. Following the retirement of the Rev Jonathan Olanczuk, the ex-officio position is currently vacant. There is a Nursing Fund for the provision of small gifts when a person is taken sick. This fund is administered by Mr. Robert Wardley, who would be pleased to be notified when such cases arise. For details of this year's grants, please see www.dennington.suffolk.cloud and go to the Charities page.

DENNINGTON ALLOTMENT AND GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION: Ms. Pamela Stevens-Turner presented the report. The allotment continues to improve as each year goes by, and now, in their 9th year, the transformation to a mature and productive field is a welcome addition to the village.

There are currently have 28 members, including one honorary member, and a new Secretary and Chairman.

Penny Welham and Danny Keating have relinquished their roles as Secretary and Chairman to Pamela Stevens-Turner and John Jarvie. Ms Stevens-Turner expressed their thanks and appreciation to Penny and Danny for all their efforts and help over the years. There is £900 cash balance. Dennington Consolidated Charities were thanked for arranging the upgrade of the entire surrounding fencing and gates. (Full report on Village Website)

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: Mrs Jenny Dyne gave the reported that they have had another very successful year maintaining our maximum membership of 40 and now operating a waiting list for any interested ladies. Members have enjoyed an excellent programme of wide ranging speakers.

Along with the usual WI activities, they have supported the Village Hall by continuing to plant and care for the flower tubs at the hall entrance during the year, cooked and served at the successful sausage and mash evening and they are planning a cream tea afternoon on the 21st July to support the same project. (Full report on Village Website)

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

Matters raised: Location of Playgroup in Village Hall Car Park – to be discussed at Parish Meeting; discussion relating to joining the Village Hall committee and Sports Club committee – later date; lack of communication from Suffolk Constabulary and local patrols – linked to motorbikes speeding outside of village speed limit – letter to be sent to Suffolk Constabulary Headquarters; provision of speeding lights at entrance to village – to be discussed with County Councillor Stephen Burroughes and Clerk to investigate costs and legal requirements.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

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