

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
held at Cantley Village Hall on Thursday 7th April 2016

Present:

Robert Beadle (Chairman), Dot Machin (Vice Chair), Steve Bennett, Peter Key, Norma Knight, Brenda Pawsey, Richard Attwood. The Clerk, District and County Councillor Andrew Proctor, and 5 Members of the public were also present.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 30th April 2015

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30th April 2015 were agreed as a correct record, proposed by Robert Beadle, seconded by Brenda Pawsey, all in favour.

3. Parish Council Reports

a) Chairman's Report

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Richard Attwood, gave his report (Appendix 1).

b) Financial Report

The Parish Clerk gave a report on the Parish Council's finances (Appendix 2).

4. County and District Councillor Reports

Andrew Proctor, County and District Councillor, gave a report on behalf of Broadland District Council and Norfolk County Council (Appendix 3).

In response to questions, it was noted that Norfolk's recycling rate was good compared to other areas in the country, however there was still work to be done in educating people on what should be put into their bins. It was confirmed that polystyrene could not be recycled locally, but went to landfill.

5. Police

No report, although it was noted that detailed street-level crime information was publically available on the Norfolk Police website.

6. Reports from Local Organisations

a) Cantley Community Trust

Dot Machin reported that the last meeting had been cancelled so there was no annual update available. A report would be given to a future Parish Council meeting.

b) Cantley Primary School

Presented by Dot Machon on behalf of Christopher Aitken (Appendix 4).

c) Cantley Village Hall

Presented by Richard Attwood on behalf of Pam Scrivens (Appendix 5). Richard Attwood placed on record the Council's thanks for Pam's dedication to the Village Hall for the last 13 years.

d) Cantley Flower Show

Presented by Robert Beadle on behalf of Carole Grimes (Appendix 6).

e) Cantley Tree Warden

Robert Beadle reported that the two birch trees ordered from Broadland District Council for Cantley Staithe were received in early March and planted on the Staithe. These replaced the two planted by the Broads Authority in 2010 which had subsequently died. The recent tree warden evenings at Broadland had been cancelled as Stephen Chesney-Beales had been absent. Stephen now worked for Norwich Fringe Project but still controlled the budget for trees and organised the tree warden evenings.

f) FOCUS

Presented by Tim Drew on behalf of Ray Smith (Appendix 7).

g) Freethorpe First Responders

Presented by Brenda Pawsey on behalf of Margaret Ditcham (Appendix 8).

h) Limpenhoe Village Hall

Presented by Norma Knight on behalf of Pat Bennett (Appendix 9).

i) Cantley and Limpenhoe Churches

Presented by Martin Greenland (Appendix 10).

j) Cantley Staithe Trust

Presented by Dot Machin on behalf of Andy Guy (Appendix 11)

7. General Parish Issues

The question of broadband was raised, noting that there were many different providers of different wired and wireless solutions. Concern was also expressed that a cabinet had been installed that was not capable of taking the capacity of the village. In response, Andrew Proctor noted that the Better Broadband for Norfolk project was being managed by Norfolk County Council however BT would only look at the commercial case. Any underspend was being reinvested with the aim of reaching 93% coverage. Broadland District Council would be putting in investment to bring this to 97%. It was noted that in some places superfast broadband was available, but not being sold by providers. This needed to be managed and co-ordinated, with the overall aim of 100% coverage. The Parish Council could lobby

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BT, or could survey the village to find out what coverage households had (including mobile), so that evidence could be presented. On a related subject, online self-servicing was raised as a concern for older people or those who do not have access to adequate broadband. This was recognised as a problem but the councils did offer many methods of communication to ensure that no-one was disadvantaged. It was suggested that this could be highlighted in a future newsletter.

Richard Attwood thanked those in attendance for their contributions. Norma Knight and Brenda Pawsey were thanked for providing the refreshments.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

CHAIRMAN