

CHEVINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 13th May 2015 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr J Melero (Chairman), Cllr N Melero, Cllr C Thurston Cllr A McCormack, Cllr A Job and Mr C Lewis (Clerk) from Chevington Parish Council, Borough Cllr A Rushen, and Mrs A Sledge, representing Ickworth Park Primary School and Mrs J Pettit representing the Village Hall Management Committee. Two members of the public Mrs Frances Betts and Mr Denis Doyle were also in attendance.

1) The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Jan Melero, took the Chair and welcomed everybody to the Meeting. Apologies for absence were received from C.Cllr Clements (Suffolk CC) Rev Cheryl Collins Mrs E Williams (CCD&R Community Council) and Mrs Ann Sadler (Chevington WI) .

2) Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 15th May 2014 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

3) Chevington Parish Council.

Cllr J Melero gave a report on behalf of the Parish Council which summarised its activities and made reference to the important decisions taken over the past year. (Copies of all written reports will be available in the Minutes file).

4) St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

Cllr Angela Rushen, the Borough Councillor for the Chedburgh Ward, gave her report which focused largely of her role, the priorities of the merged services within St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath, now branded as West Suffolk and the availability of a Locality Budget to assist small community projects in the year ahead.

5) Suffolk County Council

County Cllr Terry Clements was unable to attend but forwarded a written report on the issues which the County Council had addressed during 2014-15.

6) Ickworth Park Primary School.

Mandy Sledge gave a report on behalf of Mrs Morley (Head Teacher) who was unable to attend. Her report included an overview of the changes taking place as the school becomes a full Primary School from September. There were currently 200 children on the school roll and there is currently space for a further 40.

7) Village Hall Management Committee.

Jocelyn Pettit gave her report. This confirmed that there were currently no major problems and that the venue was popular and well used.

8) All Saint's Church, Chevington

Rev Collins' report was read by the Clerk. This summarised the pattern of services offered by the Church including its regular round of social events for the wider village. It also mentioned the substantial theft of lead from the chancel roof and of the challenge in finding sufficient resources to replace the lead and to maintain the building in good order.

9) Chevington Women’s Institute.

Cllr Melero read the WI report which gave a summary of their activities over the past year.

10) Chedburgh, Chevington, Depden & Rede Community Council.

A report from Liz Williams was read by Cllr J Melero. This confirmed that Rev Cheryl Collins had resigned the Chair due to pressure of work. It also included a summary of events at the Erskine Centre over the past year and referred to pressing repairs that were needed to the roof of the building.

11) Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

Frances Betts, the Co-ordinator, gave her report. This included confirmation that signs were now in place denoting all NHW schemes in the village. This was Mrs Betts final report as she has now relinquished the Co-ordinators role.

12) Chevington Charities.

Chevington Poor Estate Charity – Trustees: D Doyle, C Thurston, & I Turner Mrs D Prentice, Mr S Williams and Rev Cheryl Collins. Mr Doyle gave a report on behalf of the Charity. This stated that the Trustees had met during November 2013 and had agreed that 13 parishioners should each receive a payment. The money was distributed at the end of the year.

13) Suffolk Police.

No report was received.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.40pm.

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Chairman of Chevington Parish Council

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