

Minutes of CHELMONDISTON'S ANNUAL PARISH/VILLAGE MEETING held on TUESDAY 22nd MAY 2018 at 7.00pm in the VILLAGE HALL

Abbreviations: SCCLlr- Suffolk County Councillor; DCllr – District Councillor; SNT – Safer Neighbourhood Team; CC – County Council; PC – Parish Council; RFO – Responsible Finance Officer
Present: approximately 30 residents (including Parish Cllrs)

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all. He voiced his concern of losing Mrs Sewell as Parish Clerk but was relieved that Mrs Jill Davis has joined the Parish Council and hoped that she would be in post for many years to come.
2. **Apologies:** received from Sam Nunn & Sophie Baylor (Playing Field Cttee); DCllr Patrick; Cllr Dot Cordle and Sean Cornish (Headteacher Chelmondiston C of E Primary School)
3. **To agree the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23rd May 2017:**
Draft copies of the minutes had been on the website for several weeks. Copies available on the table and also on the seating chairs the table. There were no dissenting voices, so the Chairman signed the minutes of last year's Parish meeting.

4. **Reports:**

Chairman's Report – Cllr David Cordle

The Chairman gave an overview of the Parish Council's work over the previous 12 months, mentioning the following:

- Thanked the Parish Council for their hard work.
- With sadness, the Chairman announced that the Vice Chairperson Mrs Rosie Kirkup was resigning. She has been a member of the Parish Council for over 17 years. She is a great inspiration, involved with many different committees and has worked very hard for the village. The Chairman wished Mrs Kirkup a happy and peaceful retirement and a heart felt thank you and appreciation for all the support she has given to the Parish Council.
- Mrs Kirkup was then presented with several gifts from the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council. Mrs Kirkup thanked the members.
- The Chairman then introduced two new Councillors – Rob Bareham and David Webb and informed everyone that there was still a vacancy.
- The Chairman asked for volunteers to help with the trimming and cutting of the footpaths.
- The Chairman also informed everyone that only 3 members of the public helped with the litter pick and hoped that the following year the numbers would increase.
- The Chairman thanked Mrs Stevens and Mrs Cook for providing the refreshments.

The Chairman then introduced SCCLlr Wood

County Councillor's Report – Dave Wood

- David began by wishing Mrs Kirkup a happy retirement and wishing her well.
- His report is attached to the minutes – **Appendix A**

The Chairman introduced DCllr Davis

District Councillor Derek Davis

- Derek also wished Mrs Kirkup well in her retirement and thanked her for the support.
- His report is attached to the minutes – **Appendix B**

The Chairman introduced the RFO

RFO Annual Report

- Jill thanked the Chairman for his kind words and also thanked Mrs Kirkup for her support.
- Jill informed everyone that the Notice of the public Rights was between 02/07/2018 – 10/08/2018 and that the annual report was available to take away. Any questions or queries to contact her by email. Also, all detailed information is also available to view on the Parish Council's Website.
- Her report is attached to the minutes – **Appendix C**

The Chairman Introduced Sara Hopkinson**5. Defibrillator/CPR Training**

- Sara Hopkinson informed everyone that training sessions were still available is anyone was interested and that the second defibrillator is situated at Pin Mill Sailing Club.

The Chairman introduced Mrs Kirkup**6. Neighbourhood Plan**

- Mrs Kirkup informed everyone that the process for the Neighbourhood Plan had begun.
- She further informed everyone that the posters from the school children that had been placed on the noticeboards in the Village Hall were how the children thought the parish should look in ten years' time.
- There were also several questions on sheets of paper for the parish to complete in relation to the key points that the Neighbourhood Plan must address.
- A more detailed report is attached to the minutes – **Appendix D**

Break for 10 minutes**7. Reports from Local Groups:****Chelmondiston C of E Primary School**

The Clerk reported on the following:

- The school is going from strength to strength
- Numbers are increasing and next year the school expects the largest reception cohort for many years.
- There is a strong PTA which works well with the school and has funded the purchase of new interactive tablets for the classrooms.
- A Big Lottery Grant has been awarded which has been used to purchase new equipment for the reception play area

Chelpin Players/Drama Group

Pat Lakey reported on the following:

- She had been involved for 45 years
- They were looking for a young male lead
- Looking for new members
- Knew that they were very lucky in being able to perform and use the Village Hall for rehearsals and storage.

Good Neighbours Group

Alan Storey reported on the following:

- He thanked the Parish Council for the grant of £160.00. Without the grant it would be difficult to provide transport for hospital visits, collecting prescriptions, etc.
- He also informed everyone that they were Data Protection compliant

Village Hall

Patrick Mann reported on the following:

- Thanked the Parish Council for the grant of £3150.00.
- Understands that there might be reduction in grants going forward
- Have over £20,000.00 in reserves
- Have completed various maintenance issues, such as serviced the outside clock, electrical repairs
- Free WIFI in the hall
- Had the hall revalued £623,000.00
- The Village Hall accounts are available to view.
- The accounts and a report are attached to the minutes – **Appendix E**

Women's Institute

Pat Lakey reported on the following:

- It was her third year as President
- The Women's Institute of Chelmondiston is 92 years old
- Various events planned, such as Soup and Sarny event, sponsored walk and the W. I have also produced a recipe book to name just a few.
- Meet every second Tuesday at the Village Hall (7pm) and new members are always welcome

Horticultural Society

A report as follows:

- Has been running for 25 years
- Meet the last Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall
- 43 members and the annual subscription is £7.50
- Organise various events but would like new members

Chelpin Projects

Graham Pink reported on the following:

- In 2017 there were 2 main events – the Arthur Ransome Jamboree and the annual Fireworks.
- Both events raised funds and Chelpin Projects has funds available for local projects.
- A more detailed report is attached to the minutes – [Appendix F](#)

Community Speed Watch

Andrew Sterling reported on the following:

- Just two members so are asking for new members to help.
- The members record the speed and registration of offending vehicles. Suffolk Police then send the vehicle owner a letter. After two letters persistent offenders may be targeted for police enforcement
- Anyone interested please contact Andrew

The Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Rosie Kirkup reported on the following:

- Rosie confirmed that the group was still operating and were still working hard to bring about safer cycling on the peninsula.
- New members were welcomed – just sign up it's free.
- A more detailed report is attached to the minutes – [Appendix G](#)

Carpet Bowls Club

Patrick Mann reported on the following:

- The club competes in the top division. Throughout the winter the club has taken part in 28 matches.
- The club were hoping for new members.
- They meet for practice, every Monday evening at 7.30pm and Fridays at 2.00pm.
- A more detailed report is attached to the minutes – [Appendix H](#)

Chelmondiston Playing Field

The Clerk reported on the following:

- Two Grants had been applied for and now just waiting for the decisions.
- No football teams this year on the field
- The Playing Field is looking good thanks to Cllrs Stevens and Hawkins
- The accounts are attached to the minutes – [Appendix I](#)

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Chelmo Social Club

A report as follows:

- Change of name from the over 60’s
- 30 members but always looking for more
- Meets every Thursday 2.00pm – 4.00pm in the Village hall
- Organise various events such as mystery tours, visit to Dunwich and information events.

8. Topics from the Parish

- Residents are concerned that cars are parking on pavements and have to walk around them.
- Suffolk County Council unable to help due to finances.
- Cllr Deacon spoke re the ‘Woodlands’ Development. Babergh District Council had approved the planning application, however, a formal letter from the Parish Council had been sent to the housing Minister to ask for a judicial review.
- A resident informed everyone that a group of residents were looking at the process of the decision by Babergh District Council.
- A resident asked DCllr Davis why he had voted for the development when the vast amount of comments and the Planning Committee of the Parish Council were against it. DCllr Davis informed everyone that the application had been fully debated and all comments had been taken into account. He voted for the application because of the affordable housing.
- Sally Chicken thanked the Parish Council for all their hard work and stated that the village was a great place to live in.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 8.47pm.

Signature:**DAVID CORDLE**.....

Name:**DAVID CORDLE**.....

Date:**22/05/2019**.....

The Chairman was given the authority to sign the minutes from the parish.