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The Annual Parish Meeting of Waldringfield

7.30 p.m. 11 April 2017

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To confirm and sign minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12 April 2016
3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting
4. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council, Ian Kay
5. To receive a report from the Responsible Finance Officer of the Parish Council, David Lines.
6. To review progress on the Parish Plan
7. To receive a report from Patricia O'Brien, Suffolk County Councillor
8. To receive a report from Susan Harvey, Suffolk Coastal District Councillor
9. To receive a report from Suffolk Police

Closure of the formal part of the meeting
(approximately 8.30 p.m.)

TEA AND COFFEE WILL THEN BE SERVED

Community Group 'Market Place'

This is an opportunity for residents and visitors to mingle and chat with representatives of a number of our local community groups. Reports from many of these groups may be available on the night, as well as being published on the website in due course.

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 12 April 2016

Present: 23 Residents, Parish Councillors Kay (Chairman), Matheson, Archer, Videlo, Winship and Gold SCC Cllr O'Brien

- 1 Apologies for absence received from Colin Reid, Janet Elliot, Susan Harvey, John Smith and Ian Videlo
- 2 It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14 April 2015. Proposed by Serena Gold, seconded by Alyson Videlo and all agreed.
- 3 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14 April 2015.
- 4 **The Chairman of the Parish Council, Ian Kay**, provided a power point presentation. His report included an introduction to the Parish Councillors and their responsibilities. Dates of future Parish Council Meetings were given and highlighted that they are open to the public, with an opportunity for residents to give information to the Council and ask questions. He went on to say that all information about the Council can be found by following the 'Parish Council' link on the web site at www.waldringfield.onesuffolk.net/parish-council. Cllr Kay then spoke about the various activities of the Council, including reviewing 21 planning applications, giving of grants and maintaining the playing field and footpaths, etc. He spoke about the local elections in May the previous year, returning eight councillors unopposed, leaving one vacancy. This was filled when Toby Harraway was co-opted to the Parish Council a couple of months later
The Chairman then congratulated SCDC Cllr Susan Harvey on her election as one of the district councillors for the area. He also recorded his thanks to Alyson Videlo for maintaining the Parish Council section of the village website, the Clerk for editing the quarterly newsletter, as well as the volunteers who kindly deliver it to all the households in the village, and last, but by no means least, all the volunteers who support and give so much to the local community.
The Chairman then advised that BT were expected to put forward a new planning application for the Adastral Park site and mentioned that there were other large site applications in the offing outside the Parish.
Cllr Kay was pleased to report that the Parish Plan was now complete, as was the refurbished Waste and Recycling Compound on the foreshore, for which he thanks John Nunn for his efforts.
Finally, the Chairman noted, with great regret, the sad passing of Roy Lord, the village handyman. Roy had diligently served the Parish Council for several years and made a valuable contribution to village life. He offered his condolences once again to Mrs Lord and her family
5. **The Responsible Finance Officer of the Parish Council, David Lines**, reported that the balance of accounts as at 31 March 2016 stood at a total of £12,115 including earmarked reserves amounting to £3,200. Some budget lines were overspent and some underspent, but the Parish Council has remained within budget overall.
The precept was unchanged at £49.99 per Band Household for FY 2015/16, but increased in total to £12,636 because of 13 new properties. Uncommitted reserves are maintained within the recommended bands of 50% - 75% of core turnover. The budget and expenditure are displayed on the Parish Council pages of the Parish web site and updated monthly.
- 6 In the absence of the Parish Plan Chairman Janet Elliot, **Cllr Kay** informed the meeting that the Parish Plan was now publicised on the website and included an Action Plan. The Parish Council would coordinate the various items, but giving highest priority to road safety, citing an upcoming meeting with Suffolk County Council on the topic expected in June. The Chairman also congratulated the Waldringfield Flood Defence Group for their excellent work. He then appealed for volunteers to join him on the Telecoms Group and to join Neil Winship on his group to tackle dog-fouling, or provide information to Neil on occurrences and locations
- 7 **Suffolk County Council Cllr Patricia O'Brien** spoke to her report, highlighting the continued process of change in local government, with budget savings of £170 million since 2011/12 and further savings anticipated of £80 million. She then went on to amplify the various topics in her report and noted the variety of projects financed by her Locality Budget fund
- 8 **Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Susan Harvey** had sent apologies for her absence, providing a printed report instead