

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Holme East Waver Parish Council Held on Thursday 11th May 2017 at 7.00pm in Newton Arlosh Parish Hall.

Present: V.Hodgson (Chairman)

Cllrs: Bell, Logan, Roper, Stockdale and Wallace

Public: W. Bell, E Bell, E. Hodgson, A. Hodgson, S Whitaker

Clerk: M. Abbs

1. Welcome from the Chairman, Mr V Hodgson.

2- Apologies for absence. – PCSO P Nichol and County Cllr Markley

3- Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in May 2016. – **approved and signed.**

4- Chairman's report

Cllr Hodgson gave his report which thanked the clerk for his work and the support of his fellow councillors. Street Lighting remains an issue in view of the Electricity North West decision to remove all street lights from their poles when they come up for replacement. The Borough Council only has a limited budget to replace such lights. The Council will continue to monitor the situation.

A number of grants have been made to local organisations during the year and he welcomed this redistribution of local council tax to such groups. Money spent on the playground during the year was highlighted and the area and field remain in good order overall. The Precept had been maintained at the same level of £6500.

A significant amount of work had been carried out locally on the highways in the Parish and the Parish Council was very grateful to the County Council for this.

He closed his report by thanking those present for their attendance.

5-Financial and activity reports

5.1 Parish Council-report from the clerk

The clerk thanked the Chairman and other councillors for their support during the year.

The clerk gave out copies of a 3 year financial summary to the public and provided some explanation. No issues had been raised by the internal or external audits. He stated that he believed the Council to be in a sound financial position, though potentially challenging times lay ahead in the current climate of financial cutbacks and the potential demands of the Playground.

He supported the Chairman's view that the council made a substantial contribution to village life. The Council had discharged its responsibilities in other areas of such as planning.

Looking forward, his overall view remained one of cautious optimism.

5.2 Newton Arlosh Brownies

Mrs Helen Wallace gave a report highlighting a number of their many activities. The Council was thanked for the grant award. The group had had a busy year with many activities being reported upon. There were currently 6 members and the financial position was sound.

5.3 Newton Arlosh Community Committee

Mrs Whitaker gave a report on the installation of the defibrillator and the associated fund raising events that had taken place. The group was now planning training for individuals in the use of the machine. It was hoped that a first responder could be trained and grants to fund this were being applied for. It was hoped that there would be a children's party but no carnival was planned. Accounts were supplied. She closed by hoping that a defibrillator could be supplied in the Saltcotes area in future.

5.4 Newton Arlosh Parish Hall Committee

Mr Bell outlined the financial position of the Hall following the significant expenditure on the Hall during the previous year. The Hall remains in good condition. The Parish Council was thanked for its grant award. Accounts were provided which disclosed a surplus. The contribution that Elections provide in terms of income was noted.

5.5 Newton Arlosh Parochial Church Council

Mr Bell explained the current situation concerning the Church finances and thanked the Council for its grant award which enabled the Churchyard to be kept in good condition. Financially the church had 'broken even'.

Cllr Hodgson thanked all the contributors for their reports and contribution to Parish life.

6-OPEN FORUM

A chance to bring to the Parish Council matters of concern within the Parish.

The following matters were raised:

Mrs Bell commented on damage to a highway chevron board which she hoped had been reported to the Highways Authority. She thanked the Council for all its work to improve the Parish.

Mrs Hodgson raised the issue of speeding in the village and the clerk and Cllrs notified her of the recent traffic survey which had not found there to be a significant problem. She was assured that the speed camera van still visited the village regularly.

The Chairman thanked all present for their attendance at the meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35p.m.