

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Holme East Waver Parish Council Held on Thursday 10th May 2018 at 7.00pm in Newton Arlosh Parish Hall.

Present: V.Hodgson (Chairman)

Cllrs: Bell, Graham, Roper and Stockdale

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

Clerk: M. Abbs

1. Welcome from the Chairman, Mr V Hodgson.

Who apologised for the slightly delayed start to the meeting.

2- Apologies for absence. – County Cllr Markley

3- Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in May 2017. – **approved and signed.**

4- Chairman's report

Cllr Hodgson gave his report and thanked the clerk for his work and for the support and work of the Vice Chairman and other councillors. Street Lighting remains an issue in view of the Electricity North West's 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 and the replacement cost is around £3000 per light. 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 funds to local groups. Money spent on the playground during the year was highlighted and the area and field remain in good order overall, though wet weather last year led to some unusually wet ground. The Precept had been maintained at the same level of £6500.

He closed his report by thanking those present for their attendance and reminded members of the public that they were welcome to stay for the following Parish Council meeting.

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. Increasingly, it seemed that the District Authority wished to divest itself of responsibility for services and their resultant costs to Parish Councils.

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 such as planning.

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

5.2 Newton Arlosh Brownies

No report was received.

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 for a second device at Mosside. Accounts were supplied, and the meeting was informed that new members had joined the committee. Events had been widely advertised locally and on Facebook. Several Events had taken place throughout the year including a car treasure hunt, oak tree decoration and a garage sale. A mini library had been established. Thirty children attended a Christmas Party and received presents – this was currently a free event to those attending due to successful fund raising.

A pie and peas supper had been held at the 'Joiners Arms'. A good number of events were planned for the rest of 2018.

Cllr Roper asked Mrs Whitaker how the children who attended the Christmas Party had been selected/invited, and details were provided. Cllr Graham commented on the leaflet circulation which had been used and Mrs Whitaker responded. Cllr Roper expressed her wish to see the Parish Hall used more frequently for Events and Mrs Whitaker pointed out that there was no charge to use the public house and this also needed supporting.

5.4 Newton Arlosh Parish Hall Committee

Mr Bell provided accounts and outlined the financial position of the Hall, which had enjoyed a better year than normal. A successful bingo event had been held. The Hall remains in good condition. The contribution that Elections provided in terms of income was noted. He stressed that people were welcome to use the hall and had good facilities provided for them when they did utilise it.

5.5 Newton Arlosh Parochial Church Council

Mr Bell provided accounts and 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 received a tax refund and benefitted from funeral income. Additionally, a successful raffle had been held.

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. It was over two years this since had first been reported and still awaited repair.

Mr Bell thought that a drain in a field adjoining the playground could be partly to blame for the wet conditions.

Cllr Graham mentioned that some overhanging foliage was obscuring footway lights. He then mentioned that the road at Ellercart appeared to be crumbling badly. Ho thought that the standard of work on pothole repairs was poor.

Mr Bell raised the difficulties that he had encountered recycling tidal debris and dumped waste the from the marsh. He felt that the current rules encouraged fly tipping and expressed his frustration at the current regulations.

Borough Cllr Hedworth arrived.

Mrs Bell thanked the Council for all its work to improve the Parish.

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45p.m.

At which point all members of the public left.