

MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2024

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| Item | <p>Councillor Maggie Dunn chaired the meeting with Councillors attending David Clarke, Peter Fisk and Andy Baker.</p> | |
| 1.0 | <p>2 members of the public were present along with Councillors Rebecca Hopfensperger and Sarah Broughton. The Clerk was also present.</p> | |
| 1.0 | <p><u>Chairmans welcome</u> Councillor Maggie Dunn welcomed everybody to the meeting.</p> | |
| 2.0 | <p><u>To approve the minutes of the last annual Parish Meeting 2023</u> The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting from 17th April 2023 were approved. Proposed Councillor Andy Baker seconded Councillor David Clarke.</p> | |
| 3.0 | <p><u>Chairmans summary of the last year</u> Councillor Maggie Dunn gave a summary of the last year including: Great celebrations for the coronation, thank you to Councillors Hopfensperger and Broughton for grants to enable 2 benches to be purchased for the school which will sit in their Coronation Garden. Exceptional amounts of rain since September causing flooding in the village and across the county. There have been problems with a large increase in potholes as a result of increased HGV and general traffic through the village caused by the flooding on Compeigne Way. HGV's cutting through on roads not suited for their use. The Council will continue to push to get roads and verges in the village reinstated and properly repaired. Speeding is still an issue in the village, village gates are going to be installed 6 gates made out of recycled material to prolong life and reduce maintenance. This will show people they are entering a residential zone. 2 new Parish noticeboards have been installed village hall and Livermere Rd. Thanks to Councillors Hopfensperger and Boughton for a grant to replace the damaged board at the village hall which can be used by groups within the village. The Council have continued to look at planning applications within the village and strive to ensure they adhere to the neighbourhood plan and planning policy. The Council have 3 vacancies and plan to recruit more Councillors, there is a need for people from all walks of like to help make a diverse and forward-thinking Council. There is no news on either the Triangle development for the Severals development. The Cox Lane to Icepits Wood footpath is progressing and there has been agreement to a native hedgerow to run alongside the A143.</p> | |
| 4.0 | <p>Councillor Dunn wanted to thank a few people, Philip Reeve, Vivien Bodnor, Councillors Hopfensperger and Broughton along with the Triangle Taskforce for their time and effort working on the development. Amanda Jackson the Parish Clerk and fellow Councillors. Councillor Fisk thank Councillor Dunn for her time and effort this year.</p> | |
| 4.0 | <p><u>Report from County Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger</u> There has been a 69% increase of emergency flooding reports between October and February. It been a wet winter and there is a push to get as many gully's cleared asap. There is a need for Suffolk County Council and West Suffolk Council to combine the effort to help with the flooding. The Compiegne way section 19 investigation will look at the long- and short-term solution moving forward. Investigation into the types of pumps used are they man enough to take volume and the silt. More frequent in the last 5 yrs. Agencies with vested interest working collaborate way. Potholes reports have increased dramatically, Suffolk County Council will be using a 'dragon patcher' which will repair holes to a higher standard. Everybody needs to keep reporting the potholes so this can be recorded. The Parish Council are taking the right approach in reducing the speeding traffic through the village. It has to be done in stages and if the village gates do not slow people down the next stage would be to look at speed limits.</p> | |
| 5.0 | <p><u>Report from Borough councillor Sarah Broughton</u> There are planned changes to the how our waste is collected which should come into force in 2026, food waste will be treated differently with a caddy being supplied. Collections every 3 weeks rather than 2. Most calls from residents are about planning, its usually too late to get involved, encourage contact at the start of the planning application with time investigate rather than after a decision has been made. There were approximately 300 responses to the Local Plans</p> | |
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| <p>7.0</p> | <p>Consultation. There are no updates on the Barley Homes/Triangle development, a visit from the planning officer has been requested to keep in the loop.</p> <p><u>Village Matters (any questions and comments)</u></p> <p>General discussion was held about:</p> <p>the work triggered by the section 19 roadsides not cleaned as often as in previous years causing water to not run away</p> <p>All the drains on the A143 are blocked</p> <p>Weight restriction on Fornham Rd</p> <p>Great Barton being the only Village without a by-pass</p> <p><u>Chairmans thanks</u></p> <p>Councillor Dunn thank everybody for attending. Meeting closed 8.40pm</p> <p>..... sign and date</p> <p>..... Print name</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Signed as confirmation that they are a true record.</p> | |
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