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BILLINGFORD PARISH

Minutes of the Annual Billingford Parish meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 8.10 p.m. in Billingford Village Hall.

Present:- 11 electors, Mrs G Hubbard (Parish Council Clerk), Mr M Davies (Chairman of the Parish Council), Paula Gilluley, Police Community Engagement Officer and Dist. Cllr Gordon Bambridge

1. Welcome and to accept Apologies for Absence

Mr Davies, the Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed those present to the meeting. There were apologies for absence received from Mr Alex Bulbrooke.

2. To confirm minutes of Meeting of Parish held on 15th May 2018

The minutes had been circulated and read. Mr Warren proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the last meeting, seconded by Mrs Reeve and Mr Davies signed them.

3. To report on any matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. To receive reports from the District Councillor and County Councillor

County Cllr Bill Borrett was not present. He had not sent apologies nor had he sent the Clerk a report, although she had asked him to.

Dist. Cllr Bambridge stated that it is the intention of Breckland over the next 4 years to give support to Market Towns and this will include financial support. Dereham will receive relief on business rates. Breckland own one retail site and it is the intention to rent it out at a start up rate. Breckland want very much to help businesses and there was a Dragon's Den type project recently. Breckland wants to help people looking for employment. The Breckland area has the lowest unemployment in Norfolk. Breckland wants to attract a higher standard of education because students go off to University and often do not come back to Norfolk. The Capita contract will run until about 2025. Cllr Bambridge was thanked for his report and attendance. A copy of his report will be attached to the minutes.

5. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

There was no Chairman's report as Mr Lake, who was not re-elected as Chairman at the earlier Parish Council meeting, had no particular comments to make. The new Chairman, Mr Davies, spoke about the various issues in the Parish and reported that he thought the village had a few challenges coming along in the near future. He thought it was going to be difficult to maintain the quiet rural environment. The Community Speedwatch was discussed.

6. To receive reports from organisations connected to the village i.e. Bingo group, etc.

The Bingo has now finished. In future, Mr Davies will try to obtain a report from the Village Hall Committee and reports will be attached to the minutes.

Paula Gilluley, Police Community Engagement Officer gave an interesting and informative talk to those present. She said that over the 12 months there have been 3 thefts in the village and 1 crime of anti social behaviour. She and Mrs Payne spoke about the problem of speeding and what pieces of equipment could be used regarding trying to reduce speeding. She handed out a document showing crime statistics and a leaflet highlighting who is involved with the Dereham Safer Neighbourhood Team and contact details. She was thanked for attending the meeting.

7. To receive a report including accounts on the Billingford Fuel Allotment Charity

Mr Lake submitted the Fuel Allotment Charity accounts. These will be attached to the minutes. One of the residents present stated he will be writing to the Charity Commission to seek advice as to whether the money can be spent on other projects. Mr Lake had a discussion with him, informing him he had already done this but the resident said he will still carry out his intention.

8. To discuss briefly the Parish Council accounts

There were no questions regarding the accounts as they had been discussed at the earlier Parish Council meeting.

9. To discuss any future village plans

Mr Lake stated that during the last year he had organised two Bingo evenings in the Village Hall. Those present were all in agreement that the residents would benefit from more activities taking place in the Village Hall. Mrs Payne thought that a launch of the playing field with its new equipment might be a good idea. The Village Hall and the Playing Field are both underutilized so it is a shame there is so much spare capacity.

10. Any Other Business

There were no further business matters to discuss.

11. To set the date and time for next year's Annual Parish meeting

The date of the Parish meeting was set for Tuesday 5th May 2020 at 8.00 p.m.

Mr Davies thanked everyone for attending. There being no other business to discuss, he declared the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

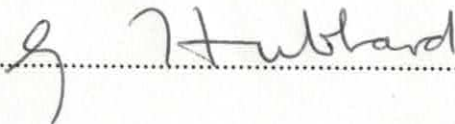
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