

RUMBURGH PARISH MEETING - 11TH MAY 2016

MINUTES

The meeting opened at 7pm. There were 22 members of the public present. The Parish Clerk, Stephen Wilson, attended and took minutes. Pieter Van Dijk was elected chair of this meeting. The minutes of the Parish meeting for 2015 were approved and signed.

Apologies were received from Peter Aldous M.P.

The Parish Clerk opened the meeting by welcoming those present and proposing Pieter van Dijk as Chairman of the meeting which was unanimously agreed by all attending.

The **Parish Council** chairman, Pieter van Dijk, gave a report on the work of the council in the past year, which included a report on the full and planning meetings held during the year. He advised that our annual precept had once again not been increased. We had again supported the Annual Children's Party with a donation. Made a grant of £500 to the village hall towards the cost of new flooring. Agreed purchase and installation of VAS speed indicator sign in conjunction with St Michael and St Cross this with 50% of the costs being financed from District Councillor David Ritchie locality budget. Adopted new financial regulations in line with new Parish Council transparency code. Renovated the Pleasure Ground play equipment in line with annual RoSPA inspection recommendations. Approved application for Queens birthday celebration on the Pleasure Ground.

Councillor David Ritchie advised that it was an uncertain time for councils with plans for devolution of powers with Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge and Peterborough merging into one large unitary body with an elected mayor at its head. Discussion took place as to the implications and impact with the meeting agreeing that this was not appropriate nor needed. Question was asked of the councillor concerning the route of the new river crossing and was advised that the agreed route would be spanning both Lake Lothing and the railway from a new roundabout at Denmark Road on the north side to Riverside Road on the south. Question concerning Halesworth car park charges. The councillor advised that this was a done deal but would be kept under review. Question concerning broadband in village where one half is disenfranchised and despite constant lobbying nothing seems to be done. The councillor advised that the roll out was ongoing but was also aware of the frustration of the villagers effected. He suggested that they should keep in contact with Peter Aldous MP and himself for updates.

Rennie Houghton gave a report about the **Rumburgh Feoffees'** who offer financial assistance for those parishioners in need in the village plus supporting the Church and Village Hall along with the Children's Christmas Party.

Ian Harris gave a report on behalf of the **Parochial Church Council**, which met 4 times during the year which is in addition to the APCM. 17 Services are held on a rota basis with other churches in the benefice. 3 Baptisms, 3 weddings and 3 funerals were held this year. Bells are rung regularly and we have 6 ringers now living in the village. We also get visiting ringers. The plans for the new screen in the church have at last been approved and we just await the faculty so that work can start. Just a reminder that it costs £163.00 per week to keep our church open so support is vital.

Paul Fenner gave a report on the **Village Hall** in which he was pleased to advise that all of the work in the main hall had been done which only leaves behind the stage to be completed. May Day, our main fund raiser, was nearly as successful as last years with a grand total of £2300 being raised. There are plans in place to hold a Royal Rumfest on the Pleasure Ground to celebrate the Queen's Birthday. Youth Club has closed due to difficulty in finding someone qualified to run it.

Rumburgh Cricket Club - Pieter van Dijk advised that it had been a real struggle to get the ground and square ready for this season due to the persistent rain over the winter months water logging the ground which resulted in having to re-arrange our first home fixture. Results so far lost 1 won 1.

The **Bowls Club** Report was given by Andrew Moore who advised that the club had a good year which resulted in us winning 12 and just 2 loses which is even more impressive when a lot of the teams we play are league clubs is taken in to account. We had our usual visit to Potters for the World Championship. We also have regular 10 Pin bowling sessions followed by a lunch and also a very enjoyable Christmas lunch with non playing guests. For the last three May Day Fetes the club ran the Boule competition with money raised being equally divided between the Village Hall and the Responders. Our contribution to the hall this financial year in rent was almost £1000. As with all clubs we are always pleased to welcome new members


1st Responders – Pam Fenner advised the good news was that we now had a new I Pad defibrillator and box which will shortly be located on the side wall of The Buck, a training programme in its use will be arranged. We now have a new uniform, this to make ourselves identifiable to other emergency services who may be attending. We have regular training and monthly updates. We as a group very much appreciate the remarkable funding support we receive from the village, we raised a fantastic £573 on May Day, plus special thanks to "The Buck" (Gary & Kate) for their support. All monies raised are essential to us so the equipment can be replaced. The bad news is that we as one of the longest running groups our numbers are dwindling, now only 5, with the result that we can't cover every day of the week. We desperately need more volunteers.

General Discussion on Community Projects: John Symes asked why the council had not done more to object to planning applications from Jordan's Fencing especially the stable block and extensions. The Chairman advised that the Council had in fact advised the planning officer of the construction of

the stable block of which he was not aware. On receiving the retrospective application and taking into consideration all aspects the Council had taken the view that the stables had no detrimental impact. Julie Flatt asked what could be done about the persistent dog fouling along Malt Office Lane? General discussion took place and some ideas to investigate were more 1) More dog signs 2) Bags for pick up in holders along the road 3) Signs in holiday accommodation and camp site in the village.

Everyone giving a report and joining in the general discussion were thanked by the Chairman.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm


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