

Rumburgh Parish Meeting
10 May 2017
Minutes

1. The Parish Clerk, Boyd Coote opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed those present. The clerk also took the minutes. Twenty members of the public were present.
2. Apologies received from Peter Aldous, Robert Myhill and Alan Witherby.
3. The Clerk proposed Pieter van Dijk as Chairman of the meeting which was unanimously agreed by all attending.
4. The minutes of the Parish meeting for 2016 were approved and signed.
5. Reports

Pieter van Dijk, Parish Council Chairman, reported that the council had eight full and two planning meetings during the year. He advised that our annual precept has not been increased and the council has supported the Annual Children's Party and the 1 hour free parking in Halesworth with donations. The VAS speed indicator posts have been installed as have four new dog waste bins and signs. Boyd Coote was appointed as parish clerk and David Borer was appointed as web master for the Parish Council website. The tree on the Pleasure ground has been trimmed and made safe after some storm damage and the goal posts have been reset in concrete.

Pieter van Dijk gave a report on behalf of the Parochial Church Council. There were five meetings during the year, twenty four services (held on a rota basis with other churches in the benefice,) one baptism, five weddings and two funerals. The new screen in the church has been completed. All are invited to the Screen dedication at 3pm on 21 May 2017. The Quota has increased to £5K which has drawn on reserves. Question from floor as to what happens if quota not met. A discussion took place with outcome that if quota not met, not a lot can be done.

Councillor David Ritchie explained why Peter Aldous could not be present due to the general election. He also stated it was an honour to serve a third term as a councillor. He explained it is difficult to maintain services with a reduction in funding.

Rennie Houghton explained about the Rumburgh Feoffees' a trust, who offer financial assistance for parishioners in need plus supporting the Church, Village Hall and the Children's Christmas Party.

Paul Fenner gave a report on the Village Hall. It has been a busy year with a leak in the carpark causing damage to the hall. Adnams helped with funding towards repairs. Work has also been completed on the rear of the village hall and stage area, insulating and timber treatment. The 'May Day' had record takings but may now be at capacity. The village hall now has charitable status.

Steve Wilson reported that Rumburgh Cricket Club has struggled for some years to retain members. The committee decided to pull out of the league and go forward with the T20 format games. These are geared towards having more fun than the serious games and the first game is away to

Saxmundham. Question was asked about mixed sides. Steve stated they would encourage this and have held all women games in the past.

Lisa Simmonds reported that the Garden Club meets first Wed of the month. During the winter this is in the village hall but during the summer these take place a various outings. The produce show this year will be in the village hall on 5 August.

Julie Williams reported that the Bowls Club had grown. Membership is £5 and £1 to play. The club has two annual competitions, the 'Peter Spall Shield' and the 'Ben Lyons Shield'. The club has four teams of four. The club won five games and lost five games in the year. The Ladies team won the 'Ladies Shield' from Blythburgh. The club also went Ten Pin bowling. Money raised (£68) goes to support the First Responders and the village hall.

Paul Spill reporting for the First Responders, thanked people for their support. Training is at Beccles and the team is covering other areas. They have a new member from St James. The new defibrillator is now on the pub wall.

Eleanor Houghton reminded everyone that the village coffee mornings take place in the village hall on the third Thursday of the month. These are a great way to find out what is going on in the village. Proceeds go towards the village hall.

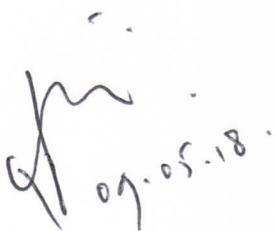
Keith Greenberg reminded everyone that Table tennis is held in the village hall on the first and third Thursday of each month at 2pm.

6. Any other business – Julie Williams asked if a 'welcome to the village' pack could be created and issued to new villagers detailing what goes on, who's who etc. Sange Wilson pointed out this already happens and all activities are listed on notice boards and in the village hall.

Sange Wilson on behalf of John and Jean Neil requested that another dog waste bin be positioned near Aldous Corner. Stephen Stannard suggested moving the bin from outside the Chapel to near the footbridge. This will be taken forward by the Parish Council.

The chairman thanked everyone.

Meeting closed at 7.42pm


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