

Rumburgh Parish Meeting
9 May 2018
Minutes

1. The meeting started at 7pm and Pieter van Dijk (Parish Council Chairman) welcomed those present. The clerk also took the minutes. Fifteen members of the public were present.
2. Apologies received from Peter Aldous MP, Robert Myhill, Paul Spill, and Mr & Mrs Wilson.
3. The minutes of the Parish meeting for 2017 were approved and signed. No matters arising.
4. Reports

County Councillor - Councillor David Ritchie explained the new structure of one council for East Suffolk formed by merging Waveney DC and Suffolk Coastal DC. This will lead to larger Wards and each will have two councillors. It is hoped this will reduce the number of councillors from 90 to 55. There is no change to parish boundaries.

Rumburgh Parish Council - Pieter van Dijk reported that the Parish Council had eight full and four planning meetings during the year. The annual precept has been increased by 2% due to rising running costs. The council has supported the Annual Children's Party and the 1 hour free parking in Halesworth with donations. Council have responded to the Waveney DC draft Local Plan with concerns about the density of the proposed development. Councillor David Ritchie gave an explanation of the Local Plan Consultation. Council have been preparing for the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) coming into force 25 May 2018. Council have been involved with Spexhall PC looking at setting up a Community Speed Watch Group. The broken road sign at the Cricket Ground was removed and will not be replaced by Suffolk County Council. Council reviewed its assets and moved a dog waste bin to near the footbridge on The Street. Council have planted a Christmas tree on The Green and the allotments will not be cut before 30 June due to the Orchids.

Parochial Church Council - Ian Harris reported there were five meetings during the year, seventeen services (held on a rota basis with other churches in the benefice,) one baptism, two funerals and two funeral services at the crematorium chapel. The Quota was set at £6321 but only £3000 paid (first time in many years when it has not been paid in full). It has now increased for 2018 to £6788. To break even an annual income of £9541 is required (2017 income was £5494). Bell Ringing continues on Mondays.

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

First Responders - John Nicholson thanked people for their support and fundraising. It is a small team of five members who operate on a rota. They receive around 20 – 30 calls a year. Training is

once a month and the team cover other areas (Halesworth, Bungay, Holton). Two members recently retired so team are looking to recruit new members.

Rumburgh & District Garden Club - Alan Whitherby reported that the club meets on the first Wed of the month. They have around 35 members and annual subscription is £10 plus £2 per meeting attended. They have talks on different subjects, outings in the summer and a garden party in June.

Bowls Club - Julie Williams reported that the club had a good year. Membership stands at twenty two. The club has two annual competitions, the 'Peter Spall Shield' and the 'Ben Lyons Shield'. A new member won both of these this year. Membership is £5 per year plus £1 per week to play.

Rumburgh & St Michael Village Hall - Paul Fenner gave a report. As it is now a Charitable Organisation they are looking to take ownership of the hall from the Diocese. There was an 80th anniversary tea party (45-50 attended) and a Jive night. The 'May Day' takings this year were down but it was a very hot day. New fire doors and curtains have been installed.

Rumburgh Cricket Club - Pieter van Dijk reported that club held a Special General Meeting in Sept 2017 and dissolved the club. The grounds and equipment are held by three trustees. Halesworth Pumas will now use the ground as their home ground on Tuesday evenings and weekends. First match is 15 May 2018.

5. Any other business - Questions from floor

What is council doing about light pollution in village? Chairman stated this is already being looked at by parish council.

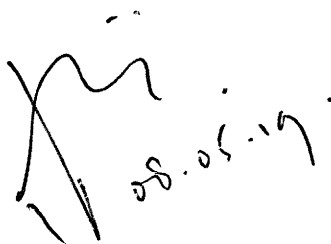
Ash die back, does parish council have a tree planting plan? Parish council will investigate duties if any.

Can a liaison be set up between Rumburgh & Wissett so as to reduce clashes of events? P Fenner offered to be point of contact for Rumburgh.

Can vacant allotments be cleared as this hinders the grass cutting? Parish council is clearing vacant plots but would remind allotment plot holders that they should clear plot before leaving.

The chairman thanked everyone.

Meeting closed at 20.12



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