

SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Shropham, Norfolk

Chairman: David Napier

Vice Chairman: Andy Thornton

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF SHROPHAM **15 MAY 2019 at 7.00 PM** **SHROPHAM VILLAGE HALL**

Those in attendance: David Napier, Andy Thornton, Lesley Brown, Amy Negus, Ed Howe, Cliff Allen

Also present: 1 member of the public, County Councillor Fabian Eagle

1. **Apologies for absence**
District Councillor Phil Cowen.

The chairman moved item 4 on the Agenda to enable F Eagle to attend another meeting.

4. F Eagle reported that in February the Council agreed a £409 million revenue budget for 2019-20. During 2018/19 the Council spent £1.4bn. There has been a £204m reduction in monies received from Central Government. The Council have made £364m savings and have spent £186m on Children's Services (excluding the mainstream schools).

In November, Norfolk received an additional £12.7m from Government to spend on road maintenance.

There will be £120m invested in special educational needs and disabilities provision in the County.

The Council have announced a £29m capital investment scheme to deliver 3,000 homes for older people over the next ten years. Norfolk requires 2,842 extra care units by 2028.

D Napier asked whether potholes were covered by Highways, F Eagle confirmed they were.

D Napier also enquired why the Rangers did not appear to be visiting as regularly as normal and why the system does not appear to be working as well as before. F Eagle advised that he would look into this but confirmed that the monies received from Central Government in November had a strict time line which meant that many of the Rangers have been removed from their normal duties.

F Eagle confirmed that he had a £6,000 Highways budget and once again he will be arranging for additional hedge/verge cuts to be made on dangerous junctions. F Eagle urged people to report any dangerous junctions to him for consideration together with photographs if possible.

E Howe asked whether Norfolk County Council review contractors' quotes to keep costs to a minimum. F Eagle confirmed that they do.

F Eagle left the meeting at 7.20 pm

CHAIRMAN.....

DATED:

CLERK: Joanne Blackman, Westcroft, Watton Road, Ashill, Norfolk, IP25 7AQ
Tel: 01760 447484 Email: shrophamparishclerk@gmail.com
<http://shrophamparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

2. **To approve the Minutes held on Wednesday 30 May 2018.**
Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 30 May 2018 were signed as a true and correct record.
3. **Chairman's Report from Mr David Napier**
D Napier reported that it was the first full year that Jo Blackman had been Clerk to the Council and thanked her particularly for her work with the Asset Schedule and Accounts. D Napier confirmed that churchyard grass cutting has now been removed from the budget as has the grass cutting at the Village Hall. Speeding continues to be a problem in the village and D Napier thanked T Osborn and the Speedwatch Team for their continued hard work in this regard.
5. **District Councillor's report from District Councillor Phil Cowen**
In his absence, P Cowen provided an update Report to the Council. (Written report attached).
- D Napier advised that Sarah Suggitt has replaced William Smith and P Cowen intends to bring her along to one of our future meetings.
- P Cowen has retained his position in the Council and confirms that the Council is in a sound financial position.
- The Local Plan is likely to be adopted in September.
6. **Financial Reports**
The Clerk confirmed that the bank balance as at 15 May 2019 amounted to £9,817.30.
7. **Neighbourhood Watch report from co-ordinator Tony Osborn**
T Osborn advised that this scheme has not been very successful in the village with only four people signing up as members. T Osborn advised that he is a point of contact and enquired whether somebody else would be prepared to take over this role. He attends quarterly meetings in Norwich. A Negus enquired as to what the role entails. T Osborn advised that other than attending the quarterly meetings, the role is to encourage members to join the scheme, distribute newsletters and report on any incidents. It was felt that neighbours look out for each other and with the use of social media, incidents are often reported very quickly. T Osborn advised that he did not use social media and suggested that somebody else should be considered for the role. Consideration will be given to the way forward. **Item for next Agenda.**
8. **Speedwatch report from co-ordinator Tony Osborn**
T Osborn advised that the Speedwatch Team are usually out twice each week and around 15 vehicles are reported as speeding each week. The Team currently has sufficient members but more are always welcome. D Napier emphasised the important of the work of the Speedwatch Team which resulted in the visits by T Tavner, a retired Police Officer, who speed traps in Norfolk villages. D Napier thanked T Osborn very much indeed for leading the Speedwatch Team so effectively.
- T Osborn reported that he only received one entry for the wheelie bin sticker competition and he has arranged for the gift voucher to be delivered to the entrant, Amelia Towell, aged 8. Recompense to T Osborn is dealt with in the May Parish Council meeting.
- A quote has been received for the wheelie bin stickers (A3 adhesive backed) – 90 pieces £110 plus VAT. The Council took a vote and agreed that these should be purchased as soon as possible. The Clerk advised that this matter would be dealt with in the May Parish Council meeting.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATED:

CLERK: Joanne Blackman, Westcroft, Watton Road, Ashill, Norfolk, IP25 7AQ
Tel: 01760 447484 Email: shrophamparishclerk@gmail.com
<http://shrophamparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

9. **Report of the Village Hall/Social Club**

L Brown advised that the Village Hall has installed solar panels at the Village Hall and they were up and running. The general hall hire has increased with 3 darts teams and 2 pool teams using the Sayers Bar on a regular basis. Financially they are doing well. The Committee are looking for younger members to join them. The Bowls Club have installed a new club house and sprinkler system and are holding an open day on 5 June.

10. **Open Forum for public participation**

None.

11. **The agree the date for the next Annual Meeting of the Parish Wednesday 27 May 2020.**

Agreed.

Jo Blackman
Parish Clerk

CHAIRMAN.....

DATED:

CLERK: Joanne Blackman, Westcroft, Watton Road, Ashill, Norfolk, IP25 7AQ
Tel: 01760 447484 Email: shrophamparishclerk@gmail.com
<http://shrophamparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>