

DALHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 17th May 2018

PRESENT: Parish councillors John Riddell (Chairman), Isobel Aylott (Vice-Chairman) and David Fitch

Also present: County Councillor Robin Millar, District Councillor Roger Ricker, Rachel Mack-Smith (Dalham Village Hall) and Joanne Kirk (clerk)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Jackie Bolton, Rachael Padman and John McDonagh

The meeting was chaired by Isobel Aylott

1. Approval of the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2017 were confirmed and signed as correct by the Chairman.

2. Report by County Councillor Robin Millar

Robin Millar spoke about the following:

- Broadband in Dalham. Whilst some parts have faster broadband some properties still cannot access faster broadband.
- Matthew Hicks is the new Leader of the Council
- He explained about the restructuring of Highways which has led to a lack of personal connection with communities.
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have now formed a Combined Authority. They have taken on the responsibility for the Local Economic Partnership.

The Parish Council asked Robin Millar to follow up the outstanding Highways issues in Dalham.

3. Report by District Councillor Roger Dicker

Roger Dicker spoke about the following:

- Grass cutting which has now been moved in-house. This has not been very successful so far this year.
- He attended a Highways Forum which he found very disappointing.
- The merger of Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council. He is disappointed because the District councillor's views have not been taken into account when the ward boundaries were drawn up.

4. Village Hall Report

- The village hall has lost two regular bookings which have led to a reduced income. They are currently trying to get more regular bookings.
- The running of the Village Hall is a team event. They have an active events committee which organises a wide range of events. Film nights have proved popular and are a great way to get villagers together.
- They are now holding a regular coffee morning on Sunday mornings.
- The quiz was very well attended as was the Festive Fair.
- A 2019 Dalham calendar is being planned.
- She thanked Robin Millar, Roger Dicker and the Parish Council for their continued support.

5. Chairman's Report

Isobel Aylott spoke about the Parish Council's last year including:

- The increase in the number of parish councillors which has made a big difference to the running of the Council.
- Highways issues have dominated agendas, including the junction of the B1085 and the Ashley/Gazeley Road
- Use of the VAS has helped tackle speeding and the Parish Council is looking at other possible options as well.
- Additional defibrillator training has taken place.
- The Parish Council is hoping to finish the Dalham footpath leaflet and emergency plan.

6. Financial Report

The parish clerk presented the Council's financial report. The full report is available on the parish council website at www.dalham.onesuffolk.net

7. Any other village issues or concerns which residents would like to bring to the attention of the Council

No issues were raised. The councillors thanked Isobel Aylott for her hard work as Chairman.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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