

DALHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

26th May 2016

PRESENT: Parish councillors Isobel Aylott(Chairman), Rachael Padman and Karine Ferrin

Also present: District Councillor Roger Dicker and Joanne Kirk (clerk)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from County Councillor Robin Millar

The meeting was chaired by Isobel Aylott of the Parish Council

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2015 were confirmed and signed as correct by the Chairman.

5. Village Hall Report

- The running of the village hall is very much a team effort with valuable contributions from each committee member.
- Bookings from Pilates, Zumba and Yoga provide the main source of income for the village hall. There has also been an increase in the number of 'ad hoc' bookings.
- The film nights have proved popular and a great way to get villagers together.
- The main project last year was the production and sale of the 2016 Dalham calendar. The photographs used were chosen from just over 120 entries from villagers.
- The Event Committee has continued to meet on a regular basis. The annual quiz night was held in November followed by a successful Christmas Fayre in December which raised £750.00 for St Nicholas Hospice.
- The next event will be a tea party on 12th June to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

6. Chairman's Report

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

- Changes to District and County Councillors following the resignations of James Lay and Lisa Chambers. The new County Councillor is Robin Millar and the new District Councillor is Roger Dicker.
- Reduced Police attendance due to cost saving initiatives
- Planning enforcement. Forest Heath District Council is taking a firmer approach to planning breaches as seen in Dalham with enforcement action being taken against the Woodyard and The Mill
- Work on an updated footpath map for Dalham is nearing completion
- Speeding remains a problem in the village and the Parish Council is looking at possible measures to combat the problem.
- The Parish Council's next project is to raise money for a defibrillator. £1,650 has been raised so far leaving a short fall of £750 which the Parish Council is hoping to cover by donations.

7. 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

8. Representative for the Alms' Houses Committee

A request for a volunteer will be included in the next newsletter.

9. Village issues

No village issues were raised.

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

No issues were raised.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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