

Teversham Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 30th April 2012 at 7.30pm
In the Teversham School Hall

Present: Chairman Councillor Dave Kelleway, Vice Chairman Ian Oxford, Councillors Denise Kelleway, Kevin McIntyre, Simon Martin and Lup Yau. County Councillor Nick Clarke and District Councillor Caroline Hunt also attended along with the Clerk who took the minutes. 11 Parishioners also attended.

1. Welcome, Introduction and Apologies

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting. Apologies were accepted from Councillors Amrani, Dolan, Freeman, Nicholson and Tucker. PCSO John Coppard also sent his apologies at short notice due to an on-going investigation.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2011 were circulated for information.

3. Police Report

In his absence, the Chairman thanked PCSO Coppard for his hard work and input into the Parish during the past twelve months. Councillor Oxford gave a brief overview of the main issues raised at the Neighbourhood Panel meetings and County Councillor Clarke suggested that the Parish Council write to express their concerns about possible cuts to transport. This issue will be added to the next Parish Council agenda.

4. Chairman's Report

Councillor Kelleway gave a detailed report (copy in file), outlining the many achievements of the Parish Council during the past year and expressing the Parish Council's gratitude to the many volunteers who work behind the scenes to make these happen. He thanked DG Marshall Trust for their continued financial support towards the Warden Scheme, Petra for looking after the planters, Borley Brothers, Teversham Engineering and the Willis Family for support with various projects. Councillor Kelleway also thanked the Litter Pickers and the Clerk for their hard work. He also thanked District Councillor Hunt and County Councillor Clarke for their work.

5. Parish Reports

i. Teversham Youth Group

Christine Hinch reported that sadly the Youth Group have decided to disband due to lack of volunteers to run the group. The group has found it hard to meet during the winter months due to a lack of a permanent venue during the winter months. The current Committee plan to create a report detailing the history of the group. Christine thanked the Parish Council for their financial support. It is hoped that someone will come forward to take up where the current group have left off.

The Chairman thanked Christine for her report and confirmed that it is a great shame that the group has to dis-band at this time. He reiterated that the Parish Council remain committed to provide financial support towards the provision of a youth group in Teversham.

The Chairman then thanked everyone involved with the group for their hard work.

Brigid Malone extended her thanks to Denise Cole, Jade Gardner and all of the young people and volunteers. Mr Wakeling also thanked everyone involved.

ii. Teversham Primary School

Mrs Elizabeth Jenkin gave an informative report, rounding up a busy year in school, starting with the 150yr celebrations which embraced the whole community with the exhibition and museum. Pupils have been able to experience a diverse range of of trips/experiences, including to local businesses. The School had an Ofsted Inspection at the end of the Summer Term followed by a Church Inspection. Mrs Jenkin confirmed that she will be leaving at the end of this Summer Term and the school are looking forward to welcoming her predecessor Louise Kenzie. The Chairman thanked Mrs Jenkin for her report and she left the meeting (to return to a meeting of the Governing Body).

It was noted that the Children from Teversham Church of England Primary School are a credit to the village. The Chairman pointed to the display created by Simon Butler-Finbow from the wish list produced by the Yr 6 children following a visit from the Chairman, to link in with the Village Plan.

iii. **Teversham Colts**

Trevor Ball addressed the meeting and commented that it is very sad that the Youth Group is to cease. He reported that the football club won Football Club of the Year 2011 (out of 93). There are currently 8 teams with 98 registered members. Players are going on to achieve great things and enjoyment is still at the heart of the club.

Trevor thanked local businesses for their sponsorship – Borley Brothers, Teversham Motors, Mid-Anglia Flying School and Grant Roofing.

The Chairman thanked Trevor for his hard work and congratulated him on the tremendous asset the Club as a whole is to the Village. Points raised from the floor included the lack of space for pitches and lack of car parking. Several questions were addressed from members of the public.

The Chairman thanked Trevor for his report.

6. Report from County Councillor Nick Clarke

County Councillor Clarke gave a Countywide report about the County Council's work in the past year. A copy is attached. A question and answer session followed predominately covering proposed cuts to the local bus service.

The Chairman thanked County Councillor Clarke for his report.

7. Report from District Councillor Caroline Hunt

District Councillor Hunt opened her report by confirming that the District Council's plan to carry out a Boundary Review has been stopped and confirming that Council tax has been frozen, along with Councillors allowances. District Councillor Hunt also gave a brief overview of the District Councils current project to find new sites for development, confirming that 3 sites have been identified in Teversham. These sites are currently being assessed for suitability. The Parish Council will be able to participate in the process.

District Councillor Hunt also gave an update on security (payment system) and recycling. She also thanked everyone involved with youth group, the Parish Council and County Councillor Clarke.

The Chairman thanked District Councillor Hunt for her report.

8. Parish Questionnaire – a short overview.

Councillor Martin gave a brief report about the questionnaire, encouraging everyone to complete a copy to give the Parish Council a steer where the village would like to go in the future. He thanked everyone for their help in producing the questionnaire and getting it delivered and collected.

The Chairman also re-iterated how very important it is to complete the questionnaire as there is lots of pressure for development.

9. Financial Statement for the year ending 31.03.12

The Clerk circulated copies of the summary of Receipts and Payments to ye 31.03.12. There were no questions.

10. Open Forum

Councillor Martin thanked Stu who looks after the Parish Council website and the Chairman thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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