

Teversham Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 13th May 2013 at 7.30pm
In the Teversham School Hall

Present: Chairman Councillor Dave Kelleway, Vice Chairman Ian Oxford, Councillors Frances Amrani, Liz Freeman, Al MacInnes and Michael Nicholson. County Councillor John Williams also attended along with the Clerk who took the minutes. Mr J Barker and Mrs E Fletcher (Marshall of Cambridge) attended, along with Mr Trevor Ball (Teversham Colts) and Mrs Kirsten Lewis (Age UK). 4 Parishioners also attended.

1. **Welcome, Introduction and Apologies**

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting. Apologies were accepted from Councillors Denise Kelleway, Simon Martin, Kevin McIntyre and Lup Yau. PCSO John Coppard, District Councillor Hunt, Mr Mark Wareham (Head teacher Bewick Bridge Community Primary School) and Mrs Louisa Kenzie (Headteacher Teversham Primary School) also sent their apologies.

2. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th April 2012 were circulated for information and agreed.

3. **Police Report**

In his absence, there was no report. However the Chairman thanked PCSO John Coppard for his work in the parish and confirmed that the Police and the Parish Council are working in partnership.

4. **Report from County Councillor John Williams**

The Chairman welcomed County Councillor Williams and congratulated him on his recent election. County Councillor Williams explained that he has only been in post for a week, so had very little to report. However, County Councillor Williams explained that he lives in Fulbourn and is currently their District Councillor and Vice Chairman of Fulbourn Parish Council. A general discussion took place covering cuts to the Bus Service, monies spent by the County Council on the Guided Bus, Street Lighting and costs of providing individual transport for school children.

The Chairman outlined the Parish Council's opposition to some of the previous County Council's policies, including the total removal of bus subsidies which had decimated Teversham's service, and the abolition of area traffic committees.

The Chairman said he hoped for a different approach from the newly elected County Council, including the return of committee based decision making to replace the "portfolio holder" system.

The Chairman thanked County Councillor Williams for his report.

5. **Report from District Councillor Caroline Hunt**

Councillor Oxford kindly delivered District Councillor Hunt's report in her absence. It covered savings made by the District Council by bringing in house the contact centre, production of the South Cambs magazine and reduction in costs of internal ICT. Details were given about the new website and refurbishment of the Council chamber, enabling it to be hired out for external meetings. The report also covered changes to Council Benefits, a trial of textile recycling, the Youth Council and an initiative to help residents find work. District Councillor Hunt also thanked Parish Councillors for their work and congratulated County Councillor John Williams following his recent election.

Mr Wilkie complained about the hedge along Gazelle Way and recent works carried out. The Clerk confirmed that the hedge will be cut by South Cambridgeshire District Council in October 2013, after the nesting season.

There were no other questions for District Councillor Hunt.

6. **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.

Councillor Kelleway explained the Parish Council's frustrations to do with the issue of land maintenance at Teversham Foxgloves. He also reported that Teversham Youth Group has formally disbanded and monies returned to the Parish Council. The Parish Council remain very supportive of the provision of a group for young people in the village, and would consider an application for funding should new volunteers come forward.

The Chairman welcomed Mr J Barker and Mrs E Fletcher from Marshall of Cambridge to the meeting, and explained they had come along to speak about the development north of Newmarket Road, in the Parish of Fen Ditton. The Chairman thanked DG Marshall Trust for their continued financial support towards the Warden Scheme and explained that the Parish Council would like the airport to be put back into the green belt.

County Councillor John Williams left the meeting at 8.20pm.

Councillor Kelleway thanked, Petra for looking after the planters, Borley Brothers, Teversham Engineering and the Willis Family for support with various projects. He thanked the Chapel for allowing the Parish Council to hold their meetings there, the Warden for her hard work and PCSO John Coppard.

Councillor Kelleway also thanked the Litter Pickers and the Clerk for their hard work. He also thanked District Councillor Hunt and Nick Clarke for their work.

Trevor Ball asked about progress about clearing the ditches around the perimeter of the Recreation Ground. There were no other questions.

7. **Parish Reports**

i. **Teversham Primary School**

Unfortunately the Headteacher did not attend and there was no report in her absence.

ii. **Teversham Colts**

Trevor Ball addressed the meeting and gave a detailed report about the teams amazing achievements this season. The club continues to grow, supported by many volunteers and sponsors. A presentation will be held at Teversham Primary School 9th June 2013.

The Chairman thanked Trevor for his report and all of the volunteers who work so hard to provide such a great opportunity for the youngsters in our village.

iii. **Teversham Warden Scheme**

The Chairman welcomed Kirstine Lewis, the Warden of the Teversham Scheme to the meeting. Kirsten gave a short presentation about the scheme and how it can be a valuable resource to keep older people in their homes. The scheme also acts as a signpost to other services and benefits available. Marshalls had very kindly sponsored the recent 20 year anniversary celebrations and Mr Barker is keen to work with Age UK to replicate the scheme in other villages.

The Chairman apologised as he had forgotten to mention the request made by Mr Barker to see traffic control introduced at the junction Church Road/Airport Way. Marshalls have had some plans drawn up and the Parish Council would be pleased to hear any comments from parishioners.

8. **Financial Statement** for the year ending 31.03.13

The Clerk circulated copies of the summary of Receipts and Payments to ye 31.03.13. There were no questions.

9. **Wing Project**

Mr Barker and Mrs Fletcher then gave a power point presentation about the Wing Project. A question and answer session followed. Mr Barker left the meeting at 9.20pm and Mrs Fletcher remained to answer questions. The Chairman thanked Mrs Fletcher for attending the meeting.

10. **Open Forum**

Mr Wilkie expressed his opinion concerning the makeup of Teversham Parish – split between village and Teversham Foxgloves. He also expressed his dissatisfaction about how his complaints have been dealt with by the District Council and the Parish Council. He made suggestions about alternative ways the Parish Council could communicate with parishioners. He raised issues with the lack of road sweeping.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 9.36pm

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