

Minutes of Bures St Mary Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 25th April 2013 at The Garrad Room, Bures Community Centre, Nayland Road at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs G Jackson, M Seymour, R Butcher, T Saer, L Alston, C Holbrook, J McCrory, Cllr J Finch (SCC), PCSO 3193 Hemmett, Mike McGowan (First Responder)

In attendance: Mrs J Wright (Parish Clerk)

In the Chair: Cllr G Jackson (Bures St Mary Parish Council Chairman)

Welcome and Apologies

Cllr Jackson welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked councillors to introduce themselves. Apologies were received from Cllr Underwood.

Presentation

Cllr Jackson then introduced Mr Mike McGowan and Cllr Jennie McCrory who had both been invited to share in giving a short presentation on the service of First Responders and the parish defibrillator scheme.

Mike McGowan is trained and employed by the Ambulance Service as a Bures First Responder. He receives approximately 20 calls of varying requests during the year. Time is crucial when a call for assistance is made so the defibrillator in the telephone kiosk at Church Square will be a great asset to the service. Cllr Jackson expressed her thanks and suggested that a report should be submitted to the parish magazine to gain more First Responder volunteers.

Cllr McCrory proceeded to give a brief history on the defibrillator scheme. The defibrillator will be secured and locked in the telephone kiosk. No training required on its use as the 999 operator will issue the caller with a code to enter the kiosk and instructions will follow once the defibrillator is actioned. Defibrillator cost: £1750. Donations of £1900 had been received to date. Volunteers to secure the defibrillator and to paint the telephone kiosk. Cllr McCrory advised that a first aid class was to be arranged. Members expressed their thanks to Cllr McCrory for all her efforts to finalise such a worthy scheme.

Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th April 2012 were read and confirmed (previously signed 24th May 2012).

Police Report

PCSO Siobhan Hemmett's report had been circulated to all on the Clerk's mailing list.

24 crimes recorded relevant to the parish of Bures: 1 Burglary Dwelling, 2 Burglary Other Building, 11 Vehicle Crime, 3 Assaults and Public Order, 4 Thefts, 2 Criminal Damage, 1 Other.

Burglaries and Catalytic Convertor thefts being the main concern. Security protection signs for oil tanks were available. The next Babergh West SNT Priorities meeting to be held at Cockfield Village Hall on 21st May.

It was noted that PC270 Darren Marshall would be joining the team from 25th April.

Financial Statement

The Clerk had circulated the prepared Summary of Receipts and Payments for 2012/13. Still waiting on Internal Auditor and External Auditor's approval. She also circulated the Budget for 2013/14 showing proposed expenditure of £27,100.33 which included £3500 to the Cemetery Authority, £7582.50 to the Sportsground Committee and £4912.57 to the Community Centre Loan. It was noted that the Community Centre Loan would be completed in 2013/14. A 10 year loan with the PWLB had been taken out for street lighting repairs - £2354.18 per annum. Cllr Finch noted that he had provided £1500 from his Locality Budget towards the repair costs.

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had had to sustain the costs of replacing the damaged Kissing Gate although Mr Probert had agreed to provide the timber.

Dorcas Bridges Trust

The Clerk reported that the income from the Trust for 2012 was £147 and a distribution of £95 had been made. 19 beneficiaries each received £5.

District Council Report

There was currently no District Councillor owing to the recent resignation of Cllr Peter Holbrook.

County Council Report

Cllr James Finch report circulated. He then proceeded to highlight the following main points: Council Tax frozen again this year.

'Raising the Bar' in education – he expressed his pride in the schools within his division and the standards achieved. Positive early signs for the School Organisation Review.

Broadband – by 2015 it was guaranteed 85% of properties would be receiving superfast coverage. Suffolk's Residential care homes to benefit from £60m investment.

92% recycling achievement.

Continued close involvement with the Bramford to Twinstead Power Line Project.

He noted that all street lights in Bures St Mary to be brought up to required standards for adoption by SCC.

Cllr Finch expressed his dissatisfaction with the speed controls along the B1508 and would press for further improvement. He would also continue to press for improved surfacing along the Croft.

Cllr Finch expressed his thanks for the support given to him by the Parish Council.

Questions raised to Cllr Finch: What plans had SCC for cycleways within the district? Could an update be received on the Greener Suffolk Efforts initiatives? When would report on 'Raising the Bar' be received?

On Highway matters concern was raised that the 30 mph signs should be moved further up Cuckoo Hill and that yellow lines were needed at the entrance into Friends Field.

Cllr Finch agreed to obtain a full review on the parking and access of traffic since the new buildings works had commenced. He would also follow up on all other questions raised.

Cllr Finch was thanked for his contribution to the meeting.

Chairman's Report

Cllr Jackson's report circulated. She then proceeded to give her report highlighting the following: She expressed her sadness on the death of Cllr Jim Aries who would be greatly missed.

Anne Taylor had resigned as Parish Clerk and Jenny Wright appointed as her successor.

Pot holes a major problem especially along the B1508.

It was noted that although Persimmons were calling the new development Braeburn Gardens, Babergh District Council had informed the Chairman that it will be named Pike's Marsh.

Open Space Assessment, use of Section 106 money , Joint Emergency Plan and proposals for a Neighbourhood Plan all being progressed by the Parish Council.

Cllr Jackson was thanked for her work during the year as Chair of the Parish Council.

Questions from Parishioners

County Cllr Finch noted that he felt that the progression of a Joint Neighbourhood Plan would be a positive move for the parish councils and the village as a whole.

Question was raised would the lines at Friends Field be for a single or double yellow line but Cllr Finch advised that it would first be an assessment only before any progression on the matter.

A parishioner noted that there was more of a problem with parked cars at the bottom of Cuckoo Hill.

The Chairman outlined the differences between a Village Appraisal and a Neighbourhood Plan for those present.

This concluded the business.