

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 18th May 2015 in the Village Hall. A draft summary of the minutes follows:

Present: The newly elected councillors are A Dew, D Ferguson, S Fuller, R Housley and P List. Several parishioners.

1 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

P Debenham, retiring chairman opened the meeting. R Housley was elected chairman. R Housley then took the chair and thanked P Debenham for the service and dedication he had given on the Council for 45 years and 28 years as chairman.

Also D Scott, who has retired this year after 45 years, was thanked for his support and service to the village and the Council.

A Dew was elected as Vice-chairman.

2 Code of Conduct and Standing Orders

These were previously circulated to all councillors for consideration. All the councillors agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders for the coming year.

3 Declarations of interest.

R Housley declared an interest in Item 8, Finance, Newsletter.

4 Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as accurate covering all items discussed. They were then signed and dated.

5 Matters arising

The 'Hall Road' sign is in place.

6 Correspondence

Parish liaison meeting in June. Maximum 3 councillors may attend.

Four letters from different charities were discussed. If the council gives money to charities it comes from the precept. Some councillors suggested that the council should let individuals give to charity to keep the precept low. The letters will be circulated for councillors to understand what the charities do.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm to commence the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting recommenced at 8:45pm.

8 Planning

Planning permission has been granted for a new cart lodge and listed building consent for roof repair at Flemings Hall. Councillors viewed plans for alterations to the pavilion and family wing at Flemings Hall. The materials proposed in the plans were in-keeping, using oak frames and natural products. No objections were raised.

9 Finance

R Housley declared an interest and left the room.

All councillors agreed that a donation be given to support the printing of the newsletter.

R Housley returned.

All councillors agreed to the following payments:

M.S.D.C. for litter bin emptying, Community Action Suffolk Subscription.

The accounts for 2014/15 were examined by the councillors. The clerk was thanked for preparing these. All the councillors were in favour that these should be signed as correct. They were then closed, signed and dated.

Section 2 of the External Audit, Annual governance statement, was also agreed by the councillors and signed and dated.

10 Village Hall Committee Member

Following the retirement of P Debenham who has represented the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee for many years P List is appointed to this role.

11 AOB

Speeding is an ongoing problem in The Street and on the Village Hall junction. Police have set up cameras but at the wrong time of day. A box is to be set up in The Street to record vehicle speeds 24 hrs a day.

How do we encourage the village to social events held in the Village Hall?

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday 28th September 2015 7:30pm