

Shottisham Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019 at Shottisham Trust Hall

Present: Chairman Ray Kay (RK)

Attendees: (ESC) Cll C Block (CB) and Cll J Mallinder (JM), Cll P Widdup (PW), Cll P Bouscarle (PB), Cll P Southgate (PS), Clerk L Roberts (LR) and fourteen members of the public.

1-14/05/19 Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from (SCC) Cll Andrew Reid (AR).

2-14/05/19 Signing of Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 1st May 2018 were duly signed off by the Chairman RK as a true and accurate record.

3-14/05/19 Chairman's report:

Chairman RK reported that the parish council had spent most of the year with only four councillors instead of the seven allocated for Shottisham. There are still three vacancies to fill to reach the full complement of seven and Cll RK encouraged villagers to consider putting themselves forward to fill the roles. Cll RK expressed his thanks to Miranda Harrison for all her hard work this year and welcomed back Philip Bouscarle to the council.

Chairman RK reported that the highlights of the year included:

- Contract in place for field cutting
- Contract in place for playground maintenance
- Installation of Speed Indicators
- Assistance to Sorrel in use of top field parking
- Organisation of Sorrel field discussions
- Organisation of village referendum re field
- Facilitation of meeting with planning department re Local Plan
- Provision of new fencing around playground
- Successful control of moles in playground
- Facilitation of audio recordings of parish council meetings
- Successful review and update of risk analysis
- Arranged royal wedding street party
- Planted 70-80 saplings
- Liaison/management of the butterbur field to ensure it is maintained
- Liaison with AJ Paul re run-off in Church Lane

4-14/05/19 Finance Report

At the end of the financial year on the 31st March 2019 the money left in the accounts was as follows:

- **Current Account:** £2,132.70
- **Savings Account 1:** £1,687.83
- **Savings Account 2:** £195.41

The council received £1,500 in grants last year from SCDC and SCC towards the purchase of the Speed Indicator Signs which cost the council £2,850 and were purchased in July. The new playground fencing also bought in July cost £4,784.45 and used up the £4,000 which had been ring fenced for this purpose for a number of years. Apart from these purchases spending was consistent with previous years.

5-14/05/19 Reports:

a) Women's Institute Report

Jane Backhouse expressed the WI's gratitude for the support they have received during the year as they have to rely heavily on volunteers and ongoing fundraising to help to maintain the Trust Hall. Repairs and maintenance have been carried out on windows, doors, dormers, the roof, chimneys, internal plaster and external render – as well as new fencing and a gate courtesy of Nelson Potters. They are also in the process of costing a new much needed heating system which should be installed ready for the coming winter. Branch meetings take place on the second Wednesday of every month at the Trust Hall. Last year, the WI enjoyed talks ranging from local history to goat-keeping, as well as the open evening with journalist Richard Daniel. The annual plant and cake sale in May last year raised enough money to pay the necessary insurance premium for the Trust Hall. In July, Mavis Masters held a fundraising event at her home where members and friends listened to a talk by BBC political correspondent Brian Walker, which raised £400. Further fundraising events over the year included a jumble sale, a book sale and a raffle for a framed photograph of the Deben by Gill Moon which raised £700. Chair based exercise sessions run by WI members Jane Monk and Clare Walker have provided health and social benefits to local people. The current committee are feeling positive about the future of both the branch and the Hall. Membership has risen significantly this year and now stands at 37.

b) Church Warden's Report

Anne Buswell reported that the church held its AGM in December 2018. The PCC consists of a team of eight members who meet four times a year. Attendance at services throughout the year has ranged between eleven – twenty. The most popular service being the Christmas Carol service with an attendance of seventy. The Pet Service also proved popular with an attendance of twenty five people and twelve dogs. The Harvest Festival service held at the allotment had seventeen attendees. The Christmas Midnight Mass has now been changed to 9:30 pm which encouraged twenty people to attend. The average attendance at regular services was nine adults and three children. There were forty three new entries in the visitors' book too. One funeral and one wedding took place during the year. The churchyard

mowing and maintenance scheme still continues and the church path has also been renewed this year.

c) Sorrel Horse Report

Gary Miller reported that in the past year the Flag of Suffolk has invested a six figure sum on essential maintenance as well as on improvements to the Sorrel Horse. This included:

- Investment in a high quality Pizza oven
- Own food smoker
- New crockery and glassware
- Shepherd's hut for expanded use of the pightle in the summer months
- New benches for the garden
- Investment in a qualified kitchen team
- Defibrillator installed in conjunction with a local fundraising campaign

Future plans include considering a small shop in the barn subject to a grant being available and village interest. The challenges include lack of car parking especially during special events, concern over village unrest over the land issue and the business remains loss making. The Flag of Suffolk regularly receives an anonymous complaint about noise during live music events. They regret that they cannot engage with the complainer to find an agreeable compromise unless they are prepared to come forward and would encourage them to do so.

d) SCC Report

A written report for the year was received from Cllr AR (SCC) who sent his apologies. Highlights from the Annual Parish Newsletter 2018-19 include:

- Suffolk launches innovative new fire engine.
- Council to deliver 51 new affordable homes for low income families in rural community.
- Cllr Mathew Hicks takes the helm at Suffolk County Council.
- Plan for £6 million upgrades to Suffolk recycling centres.
- Suffolk's tourist trade booming.
- Superfast broadband coverage continues to grow.
- Carers celebrate top accolade with 'Outstanding' rating from the Care Quality Commission.
- The Hold construction is underway.
- Sport and Physical Activity worth £270m a year to the Suffolk economy.
- Suffolk's roads warming to £300,000 thermal patching technology.
- Dept for Education recognises performance by Suffolk students.
- Plug in Suffolk – UK's first 'Fully Open Electric' Vehicle Charging Network.
- Suffolk County Council 2019/20 budget approved.
- Go ahead to develop specialist education placements in Suffolk.
- Suffolk wins £4.4 million for "smart" streetlighting.
- Timescale set to progress Ipswich Northern Route project.

- Suffolk wins £1.725million extra funding for business broadband.
A copy of the full report can be seen at www.shottisham.onesuffolk.net

e) ESC Report

Cll CB agreed to provide a final report for the year from ESC as she has recently retired from the council and has been replaced by Cll JM at the recent May elections. Cll CB reported that:

- The coastal path requires Natural England to provide footpaths around the estuaries, which might prove difficult. The landowners and Deben partnership would like a position statement regarding the ferry crossing from Old Felixstowe.
- The work at the wind farm in Bawdsey has not been as noisy and as dusty as expected and the cable has now been pulled through so the land should start to be made good soon.
- The PGL are now well established at Bawdsey Manor and cater for up to 900 children on site which has increased the coach traffic through Bawdsey considerably.
- The new Local Plan for Suffolk Coastal is just about to be agreed but will need to be amended now to include Waveney.
- 5,000 new homes have been approved for construction in East Suffolk in the near future which will lead to a big increase in visitor numbers and will require some careful management.
- The CLT caused concern in the community and was accused of riding roughshod over people's concerns about housing being forced upon them, which was not the intent. Grant aid has been approved and the building of 4 affordable houses in Bawdsey will start over the summer. This housing will be for local people and residents from Shottisham are entitled to apply.
- The government has a new stance on climate change but there is a lack of government funding for areas with few houses. However, funding has been made available for the new flood wall which will help to protect the area including Shottisham from flooding.
- The Deben Group Estuary Partnership will continue to review the Estuary Plan and are interested in the research that is being done by several universities. They intend to monitor the sea marshes to see what difference land based and water based planning has on the river.

Newly elected councillor James Mallinder then introduced himself to the meeting and gave a brief outline of who he is and what he sees his role as a councillor will be. The new Deben Ward is the largest ward in the new East Suffolk Council and is made up of ten parish councils which will be challenging to manage. James then gave warm thanks to Cll CB for all her hard work as a councillor over the years. The chairman RK reiterated these thanks and presented Cll CB with a small gift from the parish council in recognition of all she has done.

f) Village Recorder's Report

The village recorder Diana Bickerton reported that she is presently going through several large boxes of contemporary parish records from the 1970s to the early 21st century,

discarding some, but keeping a large proportion which will eventually go to the Suffolk Record Office. These will not be delivered to the record office until early 2020, when the new building is up and running. In 2016 Diana published a Photographic Record of Shottisham's buildings and houses and has now sold nearly 100 of these. She is now starting on a project to discover who owned and who lived in all the older houses in Shottisham and hopes to turn this into a book for publication and sale. At present, three families have been kind enough to loan her the deeds of title to their properties and she thanked the Kays, the Backhouses and the Widdups for their trust in her. Diana would be grateful for any further offers of the loan of deeds of properties and will be approaching individual families at various times. Meanwhile she will continue to record all other events which occur during the year.

6-14/05/19 Open Forum:

It was noted by a parishioner that the gates in the playing field need replacing. The chairman of the parish council agreed that these needed looking at to see what work needed doing.

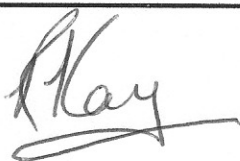
There was some concern expressed as to why the butterbur field was cut during the breeding season of frogs and birds. It was felt that this was an important natural habitat that needed careful management and it would be preferable to cut it later on in the year, after the breeding season. The chairman agree that someone from the parish council will speak to the landowner to find out what the reason is for cutting it when they do and report back.

A request has been put forward from some parishioners that the Parish Council adopt the red phone box in the village for a £1 as per the BT poster inside the box. The chairman agreed that the parish council would discuss this in Any Other Business at the AGM.

The parish council have also been asked to look at joining the East Suffolk Greenprint forum whose vision is "the people of east Suffolk working together to improve our quality of life and living standards, while reducing our environmental impact". It was also suggested that Shottisham considers ways of keeping its skies dark at night alongside Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONBS who are now working towards Dark Sky Reserve status.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Chairman:



Dated:

16/7/2019