

# Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 (6.30pm) at the Scout HQ, A149 Cromer Rd.

**PRESENT:** M.Knowles (Chairman), Cllrs. R.Smith, M.Roffe, D.Thompson, G.Dyson, M.Wright, N.Wright, C.Goodwin, R.Beckley, and the Clerk. Also present were three members of the public.

## **1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

M.Knowles welcomed everybody to the meeting and stated that apologies had been received from Cllr.S.Anderson.

## **2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD on 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018**

The minutes, which had already been circulated, were accepted as a true record.

## **3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

M.Knowles, in his eighth year as Chairman, thanked councillors for their hard work in the past year. Special mention was made of Roy Beckley's input. He had been the driving force on the World War 1 celebrations, as well as the production of the commemorative book, and many other matters. He also thanked the Clerk before referring to :- (a) the village litter pick with special thanks to Maisie & Nicky Wright who appeared to get a heavy work load in Britons Lane (b) parish council elections on 2/5/19 with Beeston Regis PC only one of a very few parishes having a contested election in North Norfolk (c) £12,000 precept, which was a decrease on the previous year and remained at the same level as 10 years ago; BRPC saved 5% on last year, was well below the N.Nfk. average (he knew of no other parish that had achieved this) (d) full accounts would be published soon (e) the village had been kept looking very tidy with the council dealing with grass cutting, sign cleaning, and litter picking. Dog bins were also the council's responsibility other than those on the caravan park where the owners provided many bins at their own expense.(f) the PC continues to monitor footpaths and public rights of way (g) BRPC had again obtained "Quality Status" under the Local Council Award Scheme. (h) the old BT phone box (Britons Lane) had been purchased and a defibrillator installed with the Hooke Charity purchasing the equipment.

## **4. PARISH MATTERS (members of the public questions & comments)**

### **a. Parish Election Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**

This had already been covered in the Chairman's report.

### **b. Deep History Coast**

RB summarised NNDC's plans for the DHC (similar to that of the Jurassic coast) and stated that there were plans to put logos on the newly converted phone box in Britons Lane.

### **c. All Saints Church – Hospitality and toilet**

RB reported that the church had now built in a toilet for use by churchgoers and the public when the building was open.

**d. Hooke Charity and Church Field Charity - annual reports**

RB reported on both charities stating that the Hooke Charity had a value of £113k. He again stated that many people were not aware of the Hooke Charity.

**e. North East Scouts St George's Day Parade and Road Closures**

The local scout group would be hosting this on 28<sup>th</sup> April

**f. Use of A149 lay-by land.**

Following an enquiry from a parishioner the Chairman informed the meeting that the use of this land was still being looked at by the NNDC's Planning Department. Concerns were expressed that this site was not allowed to have affordable housing on it. The Chair sympathised with this point of view but could only wait for further information.

## **5. NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

M.Knowles reported the following (a) had been a councillor for four years and what was Chaucer Ward would see changes and be renamed Beeston Regis and the Runtons. (b) whilst there had been changes with the political make-up of the council he found that the officers were very efficient (c) he had served on the Scrutiny and Audit Committees (d) the Splash project was underway with new contractors appointed to run it (e) the new tennis and sports hub in Cromer was still in the pipeline and there was an excellent sporting centre based at Greshams School (f) the Big Society Fund had given out approx £1.8m (g) negotiations were underway for a new waste contract with the current contract under Kier extended for another year.

## **6. NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Judy Oliver had submitted a written report (circulated to meeting) as follows:-

- g. NCC Budget; the Revenue Support Grant falls to zero in 2020/21 (b) Infrastructure & Roads; there was an additional £12.69m from Government in November 18, proposing to create a north-west link for Norwich, Norfolk ranked 4<sup>th</sup> out of 28 looking at satisfaction with Highways services (c) Broadband; thousands of homes and businesses able to access superfast broadband because of extra £11m of funding (d) Mobile Phone Signal; NCC's approach to improving signals has been recognised as national best practice. (e) New Early Childhood & Family Service; will have greater reach to those more isolated children and families and will be moving some services into libraries & community centres alongside 15 new service bases. (f) Special School Places; will be investing £120m in special educational needs and building a new 170 place school for people age 3 – 19. (g) Care Leavers; new properties opened this year thereby avoiding young people leaving the county (h) Carers; carers charter launched on 30/11/18 designed to improve the lives of carers (i) Housing with Care; this year will invest £29m to deliver 3,000 extra homes for older people in Norfolk over the next 10 years.

## **7. NORFOLK POLICE REPORT**

No police report received.

## **8. DONATION REQUESTS**

### **a) Mid Norfolk Citizen's Advice Bureau**

a. **North Norfolk Community Transport**

b.

After discussion the meeting agreed that it did not want the PC to donate.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** The location of the pillbox in Britons Lane was discussed.

There was no other business and the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.44pm