

Burgh Castle Parish Council

Chairman: Trevor Greenacre

Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 8th May 2017 at Burgh Castle Village Hall

Present: Cllrs T. Greenacre (Chair), J. Hogg, E. Foster, K. Palmer (Clerk) and 16 members of public including County Cllr Smith.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Parish Cllrs Grimmer, Austin and Nichols.

2. MINUTES FROM 2016 APM

To accept the minutes from the meeting held on the 9th May 2016 as a true and accurate record
Proposed Cllr Foster, Seconded Cllr Greenacre. All In Favour.

3. PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS FROM:

Playing Field Management Committee: Mrs Greenacre presented the 2016/17 accounts. Please note a copy is appended to and does form part of the minutes. The year end balanced totalled £1347.31 Mrs Greenacre reported there has been very poor usage of the field throughout the year with the income coming to just £305. The decision as to whether the field is continued to be hired for football will have to be considered as the purchase of the equipment needed to very costly.

Village Hall Trust: Mrs Greenacre presented the accounts, please note a copy is appended to and does form part of the minutes. The year end balance totalled £4099.62, the current balance is healthy however there is a lot to pay for. In the next year a new fire door is needed, a survey of the flat roof is to be paid for and the current business rates bill is being disputed as it is believed there should not be any rates due for 2017/18. Mrs Greenacre gave thanks to the Belton Charity Fundraisers for their donation of £300.

4. PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

The Clerk presented the year end accounts with a final balance of £8967.31, income totalled £13542.37, expenditure totalled £15016.22. A copy of the bank reconciliation and income and expenditure sheet is appended to the minutes.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The last twelve months have seen several changes on our council. Our long serving clerk Brenda retired and we welcome Kate, who we know will fill the post admirably.

Members were saddened to lose Cllr John Rudrum, who lost his long & brave fight against Motor Neuron Disease.

New equipment on the playing field, a new boardwalk for the Hanger Footpath are welcome improvements. Fly tipping continues to be a problem in the parish as does the deterioration of our roads and hedgerows.

Road closures for developers have been of major concern this year, with the bus service being suspended 5 times for allow utility connections to new properties.

The formation of a Speed Watch Group has been a great success with many motorists being 'caught' over the limit. This data is reported to police who then take action against persistent offenders.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank fellow councillors, the clerk and members of the public for the kindness and consideration I have been shown over the last few months, and look forward to a much brighter 2017/8

6. COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Secretary of the Community Council Miss Grey gave her report (copy attached). The report included a summary of the history behind the formation of the Council. In the current year there had been two major events, these being the plant sale and Christmas Fair which were exceptionally well attended and raised nearly £1200. Miss Grey thanked everyone for their hard work and support throughout the year.

7. ELECTION OF PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

The following members stood down this year: Mr Trevor Greenacre and Mrs Margaret Greenacre creating vacancies. Therefore it was proposed that Mr Trevor Greenacre and Mrs Margaret Greenacre be re-appointed. The one remaining vacancy will be filled at a later date. Proposed Miss Grey, Seconded Mr Swan. All In Favour.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr Swan on behalf of the Village Voice Committee appealed for volunteers to deliver the monthly magazine in Burgh Castle.
- The Chairman requested that Mr Swan add the Parish Councillor vacancy into the next Mercury column.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 7.49pm