



MUTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

held at Mutford Village Hall
on Monday 18th May 2015
Commencing at 7.30pm

1/15/APM Present

Cllrs. Shirley Cole, Carl O'Brien (Chairman), Paul Randle, David Greenacre.
J. Armstrong (Clerk), 4 residents whose names appear on the attendance register.
John Clouting and 2 colleagues from Suffolk Fire Service

The Chairman Cllr O'Brien welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2/15/APM Apologies for absence

Cllrs. Theresa Robinson, Neil Glendinning (vice chairman), SCC Cllr Ritchie, WDC Cllr Springall, PCSO Julia Quantrill

3/15/APM Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 7th May 2014

It was proposed by Cllr Cole and seconded by Cllr Greenacre that the minutes be accepted as a true record. This was agreed by the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes.

4/15/APM Parish Council Accounts year ended 31st March 2015

The Clerk presented the draft accounts of the parish council for the year ended 31st March 2015 showing the income and expenditure for the year and the reserves to be carried forward. There were no questions from the floor.

5/15/APM Chairman's Report

The Chairman Cllr O'Brien gave his report on the business of the Parish Council during the year. Cllr O'Brien reported on the make-up of the Council and the support of the Clerk and said that Cllr Maggie Symonds who had been a member of the council for a number of years had resigned during the year as she was moving out of the village. Cllr O'Brien thanked Maggie for all her efforts on behalf of the residents during that time. Cllr O'Brien said that there had been relatively low crimes rates in the village during the year and the Council received regular reports from PCSO Julia Quantrill. There had also been a number of planning applications dealt with by the council. The project to purchase and install the Vehicle Activated Speed sign is nearly complete. Suffolk County Council have been slow to agree the procedures for the signs but our sign has been ordered and should soon be in operation. The Yellow lines agreed for the Chapel Road junction with Mill Road have still not been provided, this is due to this being part of a group of projects and some difficulties with one of the other elements not yet being agreed.

Cllr O'Brien mentioned the continued work to improve and maintain Paddy's Pit and thanked Robin Mills and David Greenacre and others for all their hard work at the pit.

Signed Chairman _____ Clerk _____ Date _____

6/15/APM Village Hall Report

Cllr Randle gave a report on behalf of the Village Hall Committee. The Village Hall is run by a committee on behalf of the Trust. The committee is responsible for the upkeep of the hall and providing events for the residents of Mutford and Rushmere. Income is generated from hiring the hall for clubs groups and private events. The Village Hall is financially secure and the committee is currently accruing funds to provide good disabled access and toilet facilities.

7/15/APM Public contributions

There were no questions or comments from the public

8/15/APM Speaker

Cllr O'Brien introduced the speaker Mr John Clouting Fire Prevention Officer from Suffolk Fire Service and his two volunteer assistants.

Mr Clouting gave a very informative talk on fire safety in the home. The importance of smoke alarms, actions to reduce the risk of fire in the home, what to do in the event of fire in the home and showed a range of items that had been involved in an actual house fire. In concluding his presentation Mr Clouting said that the Suffolk Fire Service provided a scheme to fit smoke alarms and other equipment to the homes of older and vulnerable residents free of charge and said that if anyone was concerned about elderly residents especially those living on their own they should contact the Fire Service.

The Chairman thanked Mr Clouting for his presentation.

Cllr O'Brien thanked the residents for attending the meeting and said that he hoped they had found it informative and useful.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

