



Wickham Skeith Parish Council

MINUTES of ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held **MONDAY, 14 MAY 2018** at **WICKHAM SKEITH VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs P Wright (Chair), N Merriam, B Kemp, H Bowes, M Blair, T Thorogood, T Goodacre (Clerk) and 13 members of the public.

Apologies: Received from Cllr Knights, M Knights, P Davidson, R Bassett, S Wright

1. Chair's Welcome: The Chair opened the meeting, welcoming all those in attendance.
2. Minutes of Meeting held 8 May 2017: The Minutes were approved by all Councillors and signed by the Chair.
3. Village Forum:
 - i. Bus Services: Concerns were raised about reduced bus services. Cllr Stringer confirmed that new timetable published May 2018 with replacement service (<https://www.suffolkonboard.com/buses/bus-timetables-by-area/>), however, he will lobby for this to be reversed.
 - ii. Pot Holes, Signage, Hedges: Concern was raised about the increasing amount of pot holes, the deterioration of roadside signs and overgrown hedges. Cllr Stringer spoke of his saga with Highways regarding the sign at junction of Broadway/The Street and the general lack of budget for highway maintenance.

4. Reports:

4.1. Chair's Report: The Chair reported on the Parish Council's activities throughout 2017/18. Thanks were given to Parish Councillors (in particular, N Merriam and B Kemp), R Bassett, M Downard, S McKie, Cllr Stringer and the Clerk for their contribution and support during the year. As previously advised, the report concluded with Cllr Wright standing down as Chair, and also as Parish Councillor (as from July 2018).

4.2 Village Groups:

- Hilltop Women's Group – report received from M Knights and read by the Clerk
- Gardening Club – report received from R Bassett and read by the Chair
- Village Hall Committee – report presented by N Merriam, with J Mason reporting on the 59 Club.
- Care Group – report received and read by the Clerk
- Friends of St Andrews Church (FOSA) – report received and read by the Chair
- Lunch Club – report presented by M Jones-Evans
- Parochial Church Council – report received and read by the Clerk
- History & Film Group – Report received and read by the Chair
- Tea and Chat – report received from D Challanor and read by H Bowes

Thanks were given to all those who had contributed reports (copies of reports to be published on village website).

5. Next Meeting: 13 May 2019

Meeting closed at 8.43 pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date:

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