

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Depden held at
The Erskine Centre , Chedburgh on
Tuesday 9th April 2013 at 8 pm**

Present: Mark Leadbeater – Chairman
Susan Boor – Clerk

Geraldine Arnold, Andy Barneton (arrived 8.05) , Dennis Bibby, Peter Payne, Andrew Rabett
& John Walladge – Councillors

Anne Nicolson (arrived 8.35) and Evelyn Payne - Parishioners

Jane Midwood – County Councillor
Derek Redhead – District Councillor

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting and thanked them for coming.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – none.
2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held Tuesday 10th April 2012 had been approved at the Parish Council Meeting held 16th May 2012.
3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. There was none.
4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT. See attachment 13/1.
The Chairman thanked Jane Midwood for her efforts on behalf of Depden.
5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT given by Mark Leadbeater. See attachment 13/2.
6. TREASURER'S REPORT given by Susan Boor. See attachment 13/3.
7. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT given by Andy Barneton.

No crimes in Depden had been reported. People reminded to use telephone no. 101 for non urgent matters and to sign up for Police Direct. Mr Barneton asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to fund Neighbourhood Watch signs for the village costing £140. This request to be place on the Agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

8. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT given by Derek Redhead. See attachment 13/4.
9. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT given by Anne Nicholson. See attachment 13/5.

10. POOR'S ESTATE CHARITY REPORT given by Anne Nicholson

Income is good and the charity plans to fund a bus to Bury St Edmunds once a month. The Christmas Meal was a good social event . A village picnic is to take place 9th June 2013.

11. FOOTPATH REPORT given by Mark Leadbeater. See attachment 13/2.

12. POLICE REPORT – no report.

12. OPEN DISCUSSION.

Dennis Bibby had experienced a long wait at West Suffolk Hospital A & E department. Anne Nicolson said this is due to the age and increasing population. This has also increased demand on 'out of hours' service and GPs.

The location of the Parish Notice Board was discussed. The Clerk asked if the Parish Council would consider a new Notice Board. This item to be placed on the Agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

The being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Councillors were reminded about the Litter Pick has been re-arranged for Saturday 4th May at 10am to meet at the Village Sign.

Chairman Date