

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Depden held at The Village Hall, Chevington on Tuesday 11th April 2017 at 8 pm

Present: Mark Leadbeater – Chairman
Susan Boor – Clerk

Geraldine Arnold, Peter Payne - Councillors

Anne Nicolson - Parishioner

Mary Evans – County Councillor and Clive Pollington - Borough Councillor

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Peter Ebbens and Angie Barnetson.
2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held Tuesday 12 April 2016 had been approved at the Parish Council Meeting held 12 May 2016.
3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. There was none.
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT given by Mark Leadbeater. See attachment 17/1.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT given by Susan Boor. See attachment 17/2.
6. POLICE Report. There was none.
7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT given by Mary Evans.

Education rating throughout the County has improved. A new formula has been introduced for calculating funding but means very little more money. Funding for early years has been cut. The Highways a new scheme with specialist terms is working well very impressed with Drainage.

New Speed Enforcement Officer, more speed checks. The Government is still pushing for devolution which may result in a unitary authority for Suffolk but split west/east. The contracts issued by the Council value £475million but better control is needed.

Elm Farm turning, will be difficult to get a speed limit as this junction. There is now 2 speed vans in operation,

8. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT given by Clive Pollington.

Kelly's Meadow no further change. The proposed Hub at Hollow Road is still going through Planning. Locality funding available to local community groups. The Council Tax had risen but money is still tight. A proposed rise in Councillors expenses was rejected by the Councillors.

Brown Bins approx. 65% takeup.

9. NEIGHBOUR WATCH REPORT. See attachment 17/3.
10. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT given by Anne Nicholson. See attachment 17/4.

- 11. POOR'S ESTATE CHARITY REPORT given by Anne Nicolson. See attachment 17/5.
- 12. FOOTPATH REPORT given by Mark Leadbeater. See attachment 17/6.
- 13. OPEN DISCUSSION. There were no matters brought to the attention of the meeting.

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairman Date