

# **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Depden held at The Village Hall, Chevington on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 8 pm**

**Present:** Mark Leadbeater – Chairman  
Susan Boor – Clerk

Geraldine Arnold, Dennis Bibby, Peter Ebbens, Peter Payne - Councillors

Angie Barnetson, Evelyn Payne - Parishioners

Mary Evans – County Councillor

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Andrew Rabett, Councillor and Clive Pollington, Borough Councillor
2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held Tuesday 11 April 2017 had been approved at the Parish Council Meeting held 9 May 2017.
3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. There was none.
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT given by Mark Leadbeater. See attachment 18/1.  
Peter Paine asked if a hard standing was to be built at the new Bus Stop. Councillor Evans said she would discuss this with Suffolk Highways Department.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT given by Susan Boor. See attachment 18/2.
6. POLICE Report. There was none.
7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT given by Councillor Mary Evans.

New Chief Executive, Nicola Beach, has been appointed; she lives in Suffolk and has experience of working with highways. Councillor Evans has arranged a workshop for Charities and Community organisations regarding the GDPR regulations.

The education 'raising the bar' has resulted in that Suffolk has gone up 59 places in the national league table but maths is below the national average. Samuel Ward School In Haverhill is now a 'Research School'. The consultation concerning school transport has highlighted a problem in Bury St Edmunds regarding the different triers.

It is hoped the Street Lighting department can become more commercial by installing street lights for private housing developments. The Highways Department has been re-organised but has been hit by the bad weather. The budget for gritting was 1.5 million but 2 million has been spent. Pot holes remain a problem with 11k being reported against only 5k last year. Contractors are repairing pot holes and the Government has given a grant 2.5 million towards the cost. The Council plans to spent 22 million on re-dressing roads in next few year,

The Re-cycle Centre in Bury St Edmunds has new opening hours resulting in not many complaints. Rubbish along roads is being addressed.

8. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was read by Mark Leadbeater. See attachment 18/3.
9. FOOTPATH REPORT given by Mark Leadbeater. See attachment 18/4.
10. NEIGHBOUR WATCH REPORT given by Angie Barnettson. See attachment 18/5.
11. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT by Anne Nicholson and read by Evelyn Paine. See attachment 18/6.
12. POOR'S ESTATE CHARITY REPORT by Anne Nicolson and read by Mark Leadbeater. See attachment 18/7.
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 .....