

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.15pm Tuesday 14th May 2019
Parham Village Hall

1. Chairman's welcome

Michael Gray, as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council, welcomed everyone. There were 8 residents present.

2. Apologies were received from Andy Nicholson, David Crosbie and County Councillor Stephen Burroughes.

3. The Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 8th May 2018 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. There were no matters arising

5. To receive a report from Parham Parish Council

Andy Nicholson provided a written report and apologised for not being able to attend this meeting. He reported that the parish has had an uncontested election, with space for one additional Councillor. The Council's internal audit on their accounts and affairs has come back with a pleasing report and the annual spending was in line with the budget.

Andy was sorry to report of the recent demise of the previous parish clerk, Barry Cable.

Andy thanked the current clerk, Lydia Kirk, for her work and guidance over the year.

6. The Village Recorder provided a written report detailing changes in the village over the year. He has also filed the report with Suffolk's Records Office.

7. Reports were received from the following village organisations:

Parham Village Hall

Paul Goring provided a verbal report in which he stated that the village hall has had a reasonably successful year, with a slight increase in turnover, although it was noted that they have lost one of their weekly bookings.

Additional volunteers to join the Village Hall Committee would be welcomed. The village hall currently doesn't have a caretaker although they have advertised for a paid position and have received 3 applications. They have recently had the fire systems checked at a cost of £700 and they comply with all fire regulations.

They have received two quotations for between £6,000 and £7,000 for decorating the external walls. They are hoping to get these works done by the end of the year and would welcome donations to help fund the works.

The committee are having some issues resolving damage to the village hall caused by the house fire at the neighbouring property.

Parham Airfield Museum

Lydia Kirk gave a written report about the museum's year. Since the last AGM, three volunteers from Parham have signed up as volunteers at the museum and they are very grateful for this local support.

The museum now sends monthly newsletters to keep supporters updated with the news and plans. The museum has just agreed to proceed with a new building and will need to raise an additional £40,000.

The museum continues to receive glowing praise from visitors and examples of recent comments were provided.

Corrance School Trust A written report for the accounts ending 31st March **2018** was provided in December 2018. Three grants totaling £120 were given. *No figures have been received for the year ending 31st March 2019.*

County Councillor

Stephen Burroughes provided a copy of his Annual Report. It was noted that a timescale for the Northern Ipswich Route has been announced and attendees discussed where this route may run.

Copies of all written reports have been filed with these minutes.

8. The opportunity to ask questions of the above

One resident asked if the quotation for the external decorating at the village hall was simply painting as this price seemed high. Paul Goring explained that the quotation also included anti-fungal treatment, and repairs to the wood and render where necessary. The double fire doors were damaged from the heat of the fire at the property next door and will need fixing.

There was some discussion by attendees that they had not seen the Corrance School Trust advertised recently. The clerk confirmed it was on the village website and noticeboards and it was up to the Corrance Trust to advertise periodically in the Parish Magazine. It was also reported that Great Glemham use funds from their closed school Trust to buy school uniform for every child in the village when they start school so each child benefits equally and residents do not need to apply. MG reported that the fund was for people aged 25 and under, not just under 18 year olds, living in Parham and Hacheston.

9. Open Forum

No issues were raised for discussion at a future Parish Council meeting.

Michael Gray thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was closed at 7.40pm.