

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL – MAY CONTAIN INACCURACIES

Minutes of the Dersingham Annual Parish Meeting
held on 29 May 2015 at 7.00pm At St Cecilia's Church

Present: 6 Councillors, 11 Members of the Public, PC M Lambert and Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllrs Anderson, Hathaway & Hipkin, Fiona Hinds & Vanessa Blythe.

Cllr Payne chaired the meeting.

1 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12 May 2014

a) To approve the minutes

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

b) Matters arising from the minutes

The picnic site, - pedestrian access to the Drift is open, but permission must be sought for vehicular access

Speaker system for parish meetings – A parishioner asked for an update on what the situation was. The chair informed them that the microphone system was with the electrician for inspection, and that it may be possible to connect to an amplifier and speakers. However, the system is in a large case, which is too heavy for one person, and would have to be kept at the school if they were in agreement. Also, the school refuses to have any electrical equipment brought in unless it has been PA Tested, and are unable to test equipment belonging to a third party. The Parish Council will consider options once the microphone system has been assessed.

Footbridge over the A149 – although the picnic site developer expressed support for this, there is little or no funding available for such a scheme at the present time and unlikely to be forthcoming in the near future. It will have to be on a wish list, perhaps explored further through a village plan.

2. Dersingham Churchyard – When the current one is full.

Cllr Edwards gave a short address and the background. Cllr Payne turned the meeting over to Neil Adams, Church Warden. Mr Adams advised the meeting that at the current rate there is about five years left in the current churchyard. Until recently when a churchyard became full the churchyard would be closed for burial and the up keep taken over by the Borough Council. Mr Adams advised that this was no longer the case and it was now the view of the Church that areas without headstones will be reused if over 100 years old. Mr Adams said undertaking this in the current churchyard would give around 15 to 20 years plus the 5 we already have will last the village until 2040. A Parishioner asked if there were any records of people without headstones that might have living relatives in the village. Mr Adams said that there is a note of all the gravestones but not necessarily the graves. Cllr Payne thanked Mr Adams for his information.

3. Dersingham Centre – An update

Cllr Davey advised the meeting of the current position of Dersingham Centre. Cllr Davey explained that the design had been updated and improved to allow for larger groups with large equipment, which needed to be stored. Cllr Davey explained that the Council have now agreed to fund the Quantity Surveyor for detailed costings so the figure can be used for the lottery application. Cllr Davey advised that it is hoped to get the first round application in by the end of May this year. Cllr Davey said that the pressure will be on once we get to round two with deadlines etc. Cllr Davey explained about the possibility of going for a Public Works Loan of around £250,000 which we hope to pay off by fund raising in the form of a 100/200 club, film nights etc. Cllr Davey advised that it would take around

nine months to build once all the funding has been sorted. A Parishioner asked what would happen to the current users during this time. Cllr Davey advised that the Council would put every effort into finding temporary homes in other halls, school etc and hope that when the new hall is up and running everyone would be loyal and return but even if not there are not enough halls in the village to satisfy the current demand. A Parishioner asked about parking and the possible use of the nearby garden. Cllr Davey advised that he could make no comment at this stage. Cllr Davey advised that talks were taking place with Sandringham Estate regarding part of the pastures, which would give around another 80 car parking spaces. Another Parishioner asked would it not be better go have the additional car parking nearer to the Sports Field to help them out. Cllr Davey advised that the Sport Ground already have plans for car parking on the field. Cllr Davey advised that currently the Tennis Courts would benefit. Cllr Davey finished his report by inviting anyone to the Dersingham Centre meetings. Cllr Payne thanked Cllr Davey for his report.

4. The Warren – An update

Cllr Payne advised that Cllr Anderson was unable to attend this evening but here is a sketch of the proposed pond/bog area. A Parishioner asked why the field has not been landscaped and is currently only cut twice a year. If it were cut more often it would be in a decent state. The Council had the money to landscape, why has it not been achieved and if it is not sorted soon it will be built on. Cllr Payne explained that though the Council had received the money, it has only recently been able to find out all the terms and conditions regarding the money. Cllr Payne advised that it would never be built on. The Clerk advised that it is currently only cut once a year and she receives a number of complaints from people not wanting it cut. The Parishioner advised that this is probably from Parishioners who cannot be bothered to pick up after their dogs if the grass is cut they would need to pick up. This information to be taken to the next Environment Meeting.

5.Speeding

Cllr Payne said that there have been several reports of speeding within the village. Cllr Payne invited PC M Lambert to comment. PC Lambert said that regular checks were carried out especially at Brickley Lane, Ingoldisthorpe but after the first few cars are stopped, word gets around and everyone slows down. PC Lambert agreed to report to the Traffic Division. Cllr Edwards explained about the 20mph signs on Admirals Drive. A Parishioner said that traffic regularly goes down Hunstanton Road at 60mph.

PC Lambert advised that due to changes in the constabulary a new system was now in place called Police Connect which Parishioners could sign up for regular updates to be phoned through to them or emailed. PC Lambert left the forms to enrol but this can easily be achieved on line. PC Lambert then read out the following Crime Report:

Dates were 01/02/15 – 29/04/15.

Theft. 6

Burglary other than a dwelling. 1

Criminal damage. 9

Take/make indecent photos 1

Common assault. 5

Cause/incite female U13 to engage in sexual activity. 1

Possession of a firearm without a certificate .1

Cruelty/neglect of a child. 1

Harassment. 1

Sexual activity with a female U16. 1

Sexual assault of a female child U13. 1

A Parishioner asked if that was bad compared to other areas. PC Lambert said that these figures are not bad compared to the size of the village.

6. Buses

Cllr Payne said that a letter had recently been received from Norfolk Green with bus changes. This would mean a cut in the number of buses running around part of the village, which means the older members of our village would have a long walk to get a bus. Cllr Payne advised that at the Full Council Meeting it was decided to invite Stage Coach and County Councillor Dobson to a meeting.

7. Recreation Ground

A Parishioner reported that a word had been put on the back of the skatepark and asked for it to be painted over. This to be passed on to the Recreation Committee. A Parishioner said that the new playground is great but there is one piece of equipment that the children cannot use, or do not know how to use, is the circle arch at the allotment end. Also the swing when, is it going to be fixed. These items also to be passed on to Recreation Committee.

8. St Cecilia's Fence

A Parishioner advised that the fence to the side of church has gradually been broken down. Youths will sit, drink and eat and gradually pull pieces of the fence away. The Parishioner advised that she had written a piece for the Village Voice. PC Lambert agreed to get the PSCO's to make a greater presence in the area.

9. Parish Office

A Parishioner asked if all the work to bring the Office up to date had been achieved. The Clerk advised that some of the Fire Risk Assessment needs to be achieved and also some work needs to be achieved by the Landlord.

10. In Memory

Cllr Edwards asked about naming the path behind the Feathers and the first house that goes down to the Sports Field in the name of John Bunn who kept the pitches in great order until he died. Cllr Payne advised that the Borough Council would not allow this as it is not a road and the policy now is not name roads with people's names. A Parishioner thought that this lane belonged to Sandringham. Cllr Wright explained that Punch Taverns own the Feathers.

11. Date Time and Place of Next Meeting.

Date to be set.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.