

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL – MAY CONTAIN INACCURACIES  
Minutes of the Dersingham Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 25 April 2018  
at 7.00pm At St Cecilia's Church.

Present: 10 Councillors, 1 Members of the Public.

Apologies: Cllr Billard, Cllr Manship, Cllr Wright, Cllr Sanpher and Cllr Anderson.

Cllr Payne chaired the meeting.

1 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held

a) To approve the minutes.

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

b) Matters arising from the minutes.

Cllr Houston enquired if the emergency plan had been completed. The Clerk advised it was currently awaiting action on her desk. Cllr Payne advised it was an organic document that would always be evolving. Cllr Houston stated the document should have been completed and amended when necessary.

**Dersingham Centre Update:**

Cllr Payne advised that Councillors are aware and up to date with regards to the Dersingham Centre, however if Parishioners had any queries, Councillors would be happy to advise. A Parishioner asked if the Parish Council knew what the final costings of the build would be. Cllr Davey advised the final costings would not be clear until the build is complete, however the build was still thought to be £850,000.00 with the addition of £50,000.00 contingency. The Parishioner asked if that cost was to include a car park. Cllr Davey advised the car park was not included, although the Parish Council had applied for funding from Leeder. A review of the grass area had also been undertaken with the possibility of drainage being put in to allow the area to remain dry and for cars to park there. Current availability of parking was discussed, Cllr Payne advised 35 cars could be parked in the area. Concerns were expressed about big functions being held at the new centre with regards to the bowls club being able to park there too. Cllr Payne expressed the need for all parties to communicate to allow things to run smoothly.

**Matters Raised by Electors that they would like The Parish Council to take forward:**

A Parishioner asked what the current situation was with the Warren. He enquired if it was possible for an area to be cut to encourage more use of the Warren as currently the only parts that are not overgrown are the walkways used by dog walkers. Cllr Payne suggested it was something that could be mentioned at the Full Council meeting. Cllr Davey felt there would be no problem with obtaining quotes to undertake the work as there is a ringfenced amount of money specific to the Warren for maintenance and up keep. Cllr C Shepherd advised she had been to the common and had been preparing a management plan, working out how best to manage the area, however this has not progressed far.

A Parishioner also asked if there was an update regarding details for the 11.11.2018 celebrations. Cllr Payne advised she had not yet met with the Reverend to discuss events held throughout the day, however she was aware that the evening would consist of the Beacon being lit, the bells rung and a supper. Cllr Brundle advised she

was still waiting to hear back from the Vicar, she had contacted him in March but had no response.

The flooding along the row of cottages was discussed, Cllr Payne assured the Parishioner his letter had been discussed and forwarded to Norfolk County Cllr S Dark. The Parishioner stated he had taken pictures of the area should they be needed. Cllr C Shepherd advised she had spoke to the Clerk with regards to the drains being full of silt and therefore not allowing the water to run away. The Clerk advised this had been reported to Norfolk County Council.

Cllr Brundle stated she had been approached by a Parishioner regarding the new traffic light at Hunstanton Road/Station Road /Chapel Road, there was concern the time to cross the road whilst the lights were red was rather quick and not allowing people to get all the way across before the lights had changed. Discussion was had with regards to the timings etc. The audible bleep appears to only last 2-3 seconds however the lights remain red for a longer period. It was felt that parishioners may not realise that the lights do not change immediately after the bleeps finish. Cllr C Shepherd suggested writing something for the Village Voice highlighting how the lights work. Cllr Payne suggested the email from Norfolk County Council Engineer be used as part of the article.

**Date, Time, Place of next Annual Parish Meeting.**

Date to be set.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 7.26pm