

PARISH OF HEYWOOD

PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16TH APRIL 2018

Apologies for Absence: Barry Stone, David Bliss, James Kay, John & June Holloway, Colin Howe, Karen Stevens (went to wrong venue)

Attendance: Beverley Spratt, John & Barbara Huggins, Dick & Jenny Mitchell, Charles Errington, Chris Lewis, Nigel & Heather Scullion, Phillipa Kemp-Welch, Alan & Kathie Levine, Jane Howe, Rosalind Kay (14 attended)

Minutes of last meeting, 7th September, 2017 approved by Lyn Kay & Nigel Scullion.

Appointments: Dick Mitchell – Chairman, John Huggins – Correspondent - All in favour

Matters arising from Minutes:

-Police involvement in Heywood was due to hare coursing – 2 organisers arrested and many others cautioned. Anyone seeing anything suspicious to dial 999.

- Boundary Review is coming to a conclusion. Roydon has won the day against Diss.

- Precept set at zero again.

- Litter pick completed. 20 people took part and we collected 39 bags of litter. Payment of £20 due in June also a one in four chance of winning £200. Lyn Kay thanked correspondent for excellent organisation.

- Still awaiting side-out of the carriageway promised by Rob West.

Planning:

Halfway House (Venlaw) – plans rejected by South Norfolk

South Norfolk District Council Report:

Apologies from Barry Stone who had a full council meeting at the same time. Relevant points of his monthly report mentioned, including an investment of £570K in the poor broadband saga with In Touch Systems (18 new masts investment). This company recently took over Wi-Spire.

Norfolk County Council Report:

-We were congratulated on our litter pick, Beverley said that Thetford was really bad.

-He warned us that mobile library was likely to stop if not enough support. Some residents have been unable to use it due to many time changes. Chairman to send letter of support.

-He would like to see The Heywood involved with the Partnership Scheme as more work would be available – unlikely as Parish would need to put in £250 (higher precept needed!)

-Parish sent letter to Highways congratulating them on repairing 93 potholes. This was the worst state of our road for 30 years. The bad area towards Heywood End was also discussed again and Parish has provided details to Highways of land owners. However this is not in our Parish – it is Gissing/Tivetshall although affecting The Heywood. Beverley to approach the survey team for a joint meeting to resolve this issue. We would like to be involved with this and perhaps it could be extended to cover the state of the road, passing places and speed restrictions. There had been numerous road closures in Burston/Gissing affecting Heywood including buses which the road is not capable of supporting.

Police Meetings:- Nothing to report

Finance and Audit: As Agenda Statements

Broadband: Big discussion on this – good broadband is worth £20,000 on resale of house and some feel needed as much as electricity and water, especially if running a business. Details given of B4RN Norfolk. Idea came from the North, is a community operation – fibre optic brought to Norfolk from Holland along A143 to London and can be tapped into at Scole – 1,000 mb/sec., feasibility study Tivetshall/Gissing. Charles Errington heavily involved in discussions with Davis Bliss, several signed up, another 8 needed. J. Huggins not received details from In Touch Systems although brochures and information was promised. Proposed mast in Long Stratton not as high as Snetterton with speeds of up to 10mb/sec and could be available now. Generally felt that BT and In Touch not interested because there are not enough residents. Meeting concluded we should push ahead with B4RN and get the 50% interest asap.

Saffron Housing:

Surrounding parishes and Heywood have been contacted regarding 10 new affordable houses.

Mains drainage:

Burston's project was discussed. Only 37 houses have presently taken up the work at a cost to Anglian Water of 4.5 million pounds. Heather Scullion suggested that Anglian Water will help if drainage cannot be managed.

Events: As Agenda

A.O.B.

Barbara Huggins mentioned the forthcoming Norfolk Day on 27th July. It was generally felt that her suggestion of a party for the Parish in the evening of the 27th was a good idea. She is putting some ideas together and will contact residents at the end of June.

Date of next meeting: **Thursday, 18th October at Winfarthing Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

Minutes approved..... date