

Burstall Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 21st May 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present were 8 Parish Councillors, Cllr Nick Ridley, Parish Clerk & 6 members of the public

To approve minutes of the 15th May 2017: The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2017 were adopted as a true record proposed by Keith Raby and seconded by Ann Burchnall signed by the Chairman of the meeting Barry Gasper.

MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising from the meeting.

REPORTS:

Chairman's report: The Chairman's report form part of the Village Newsletter delivered to each household. A copy is on the website and attached to the hard copy of these minutes. Thanks was given to the Parish Councillors, District Councillor Nick Ridley, Councillor Christopher Hudson and Dave Busby and also a welcome to Jo Brown as the new clerk. The Chairman went through the newsletter with a quick update. Ann Burchnall is to run a defib drop in training session at least once a year.

County Council:

Cllr Christopher Hudson sent a report in his absence, the chairman read the hi-lights from this and a full copy is available on the website and attached to these minutes.

District Council:

Nick Ridley reported that he is now lead for planning at Babergh. It has been a difficult year as there has been a change in leadership and now have John Ward in place. Council tax rose by a small amount and were able to build 27 new council houses. The Babergh Head Quarters moved to Endeavour house in November and are in the process of looking in to converting the Babergh office building in Hadleigh. There will be contact points in Sudbury and Hadleigh. The Boundary commission is under review and brook ward will be split. The joint local plan has gone through the first stage consultation and the second stage will probably not be until September. It is unlikely this will be adopted until Spring 2020. The Wolsey Grange development is still on going. The first part of the converter unit at Wherstead is arriving weighing 600T and there will be three of them in total. The merger has been put on hold and a referendum has been called and the Suffolk County Council could become a single unitary. Nick will not be standing next year and both himself and Barry have enjoyed working with us over the past year.

Claydon High School: A detailed report had been received from the Headteacher Maeve Taylor which will be available on the village website and attached to the hard copy of these minutes.

Burstall PCC:

The last year has been a busy one, which started in June with a very successful Church Yard day, where we showcased the history of the church and the beauty of the wildflowers - as it was a bit late for the cowslips last year, we held a cowslip tea last month in the beautiful sunshine. Other fundraising events have included a concert organised by Jessie Ridley and the Christmas Bazaar. Thank you to everyone, who has supported us. Sadly, we had some lead stolen from the roof in the Autumn, which will be replaced in the next couple of weeks, even with a roof alarm. We have just had the Quinquennial survey carried out, which has highlighted some work which needs to be carried out, but nothing too pressing at the moment. It has been good to see so many people in church for our main festivals at Easter, Harvest and the church was packed for our candlelit carols. We have had one wedding already this year and are looking forward to three more (all people from the village or with a connection to the village) which is great.

Village Hall and Burstall Show:

The village hall continues to be the hub within the parish and regular usage has increased over the last 12 months. We have a weekly booking for a branch of POP Chorus on a Tuesday evening. The casual bookings are on the increase too. The high light is the show in August. This year is the 65th year which is amazing. We have some distinguished American visitors this year. Volunteers are always wanted. Maintenance is ongoing. Recently held a quiz and raised just under £200. Looking at having more fundraising events. All in all how lucky we are to have such a wonderful facility and should look at encouraging more use.

Community Lunch:

The lunches are very well supported, and in March when the weather was awful we had 47 adults and 10 children which was brilliant and proves how worthwhile it is. We have one extra person soup making and hope to have more people helping. It is a very good social session and need to encourage people to come along especially those who are alone.

WI :

Burstall WI continues to flourish and attract more new members, bringing our numbers up to 34. We are even becoming more hi tech with our chairman posting schedules of forthcoming monthly events on the Burstall Village Noticeboard Facebook page. We continue to strive to make our meetings fun and interesting to encourage like-minded ladies to join us.

Since our last report we have members enjoying not only the continuing successful sub groups, the book club, lunch club and craft club, but also having fun get-togethers like Ten Pin Bowling and later next month some golf tuition. We are also be encouraging members to make activity suggestions so that we all get to do something 'out of the norm'.

This last year we have had some enjoyable evenings with, to name a few:

- Karl Smith, a retired police officer, who talked to us about Operation Sumac and the Steve Wright murders that were literally very close to home.
- Vivian Bamford who brought some inspirational ideas for foraging when out walking
- Jenny Gibbs and her beautiful Turkish embroidery and handicrafts
- And of course our lovely enjoyable annual garden party that, because we are now such a large group, was kindly held at Jane Fiske's house and garden. The weather was very kind to us that evening.
- On a sadder note a local resident, Joan Eagle, who has been a member of the WI for 51 years, has this year resigned from the committee after 50 years. We dedicated this months meeting to recognising her years of work for the institute and a film show of photographs.

This year we will be entering 3 classes in the Suffolk show and we have some very strong contenders in Photography, flower arranging and craft. Last year one of our members received very high points with her creation of a Suffolk scene using an old map. Every year the WI gets involved with the local community with the village litter picking and also has a big involvement with the Annual Burstall Show, what with exhibits, assisting the judges and donating a beautiful well sort after raffle prize, this special 65th year will be no exception. Our WI is made up of friendly, supportive and encouraging ladies. It has made friendships, shared problems and cultivated ideas that make you feel you are a member of 1 big family.

CHEAP Productions and Community Oil Buying:

The CHEAP productions - can now come under the village hall committee and be removed from the agenda next year. Thanks to Jeff Rawlins for functions every month and last year held a New Years Eve event. There have been a number of quizzes and a BBQ in June. The Community oil buying scheme membership is increasing and now have 18 households, which is around 20% of the village and produces decent savings on the market price. Anybody would like to join to contact Keith Raby.

Neighborhood Watch:

No Report

Bowls Club:

Burstall Carpet Bowls Club has 23 members. We have four new members which is great. We remain in the second division, just 8 of 10 but hopefully this coming season we will be able to field a full team. We welcome people to come along and have a go. We play Monday and Friday evenings starting at 7.30pm

Remembrance celebration:

Centenary of the end of 1st world war there are lots of events happening and we are honoured to take part. The Church which will hold a service in the morning and then a buffet lunch in the hall. The event is free of charge, but any donations are welcome. Meet up at 6.30pm meet up for drinks and snacks and lighting the beacon in a co-ordinated event though out the country. Afterwards the POP chorus people will perform after in the hall etc with glass of wine. There will be a flyer circulated nearer the time with a full time table

Any Other Business:

The Wi would like to produce a photographic survey of the village and wanted feedback on the best way to get permission to use photos of people's houses. It was agreed that a flyer be put through each door with the ability to opt out.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm

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