

MINUTES OF THE HINTLESHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON THURSDAY 9th May 2019

PRESENT: David Marsh (chair), Frances Self, Ian Bryce, Peter Eaton, Diane Chase, Jamie Bostock, John Whyman and Stephanie Coupland, Clerk Jo Brown, Police Constable Mike Small & 3 members of the public

1: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Ben Cox, Chris Leney, Debbie Archer, District Councillor David Busby and County Councillor Christopher Hudson

2: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th April 2018

The minutes were approved by the council, proposed by Stephanie Coupland and seconded by Ian Bryce. These were signed as a true record by David Marsh.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - 13th April 2018

There were no matters arising from these minutes

4. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

David Marsh gave the following report.

2018 has been quite an eventful year for the parishes. In May, Stephanie Coupland stood down as our long serving Chairman. The councillors and I am sure those present here wish to thank her for her guidance, support and unflagging devotion to our two villages. This support was most evidenced by the opening, in June of the MUGA, our magnificent all weather sports facility. The efforts of the MUGA group in securing funding and getting the project completed on schedule should not go unrecognised and indeed was rewarded in November when the village was awarded Suffolk County Councils "Most Active Small Village Award". Proof yet again that when many larger villages and indeed towns spend long hours debating about such things we, here in Hintlesham and Chattisham with the help and support of willing residents, just get on with it. Boundary changes mean that we now are in the Copdock and Washbrook ward and only have one District Councillor and I and the rest of the PC would like to thank Nick Ridley and Barry Gasper for their support over the years. Our new District Councillor is David Busby and we look forwards to working with him to ensure that the needs and concerns of our residents are passed back to Babergh and indeed via our County Councillor, Christopher Hudson, back to Suffolk County Council. Amongst these concerns are, inevitably Planning and Traffic and whilst in the case of the former applications continue to be submitted, given the level submitted in adjoining areas we have not suffered from the large 100 plus applications they have experienced. None the less the PC continue to scrutinise every application received thoroughly and with the best interests of the village in mind. On the issue of traffic, the ever increasing level in its volume and in particular the increase in heavy goods vehicles are cause for concern. Sadly, the response from Suffolk Highways has not always been as helpful as it could be. Nonetheless the PC will continue to push for a constructive dialogue with them in an attempt to find ways of alleviating the problem. Thanks as ever go to our dedicated Speed Watch team who continue to monitor speeds and encourage motorists to observe the limits.

Thanks also must go to Helen Rogerson for her sterling work on the Link and keeping the village website updated, both a source of useful information. Along with the Link we produced a new village directory, the first for several years thanks must go to the local businesses whose donations allowed us to do this and to Stephanie who oversaw it. Following concerns over the accessibility for handicapped persons to the various items of play equipment, a joint working party has been formed with the Community Council to investigate ways to improve and possibly update the play areas for the benefit of all users. This is still at an early stage and will almost certainly require the need to research and obtain grants to achieve this. Finally, in this, my first year as Chairman I would like express my grateful thanks to my fellow Councillors and our hard working Clerk Jo Brown.

Thanks was given to David for all his hardwork and support over the year from all the councillors

5. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHRISTOPHER HUDSON

Report is attached to this document

6. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DAVID BUSBY

District Councilor Busby was not present at the meeting

7. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT FROM THE SCHOOL

At Hintlesham and Chattisham C of E Primary School there are currently 92 pupils on role in four classes. These are organised as Early Years, Years 1 & 2, Years 3 & 4 and finally Years 5 & 6. The school is led by the Executive Headteacher, Liz Donaldson for two and a half days per week and the daily running is overseen by the Head of School, Debbie Jackson who took up her post after Easter this year. The children in the school are polite, thoughtful, well mannered and hard working. The school works hard to provide them with a varied, stimulating curriculum that will excite and develop the children's love of learning.

This is achieved through trips and visits as well as engaging lessons within the classroom. Examples of these are the whole school visit to the Pantomime at The Wolsey, Years 3 & 4 trips to Ipswich Museum and the Suffolk Schools Farm Show, Years 5 & 6 to Duxford and Years 1 & 2 with EYFS to the Cathedral in Bury for Parables and Candlemass. In school there has been a Christingle Service and a Years 1 & 2 Nativity. Years 3 to 6 also produced a mammoth Summer Musical production of Aladin. The school has also taken part in Charity events such as Easter Eggs for Suffolk Young Carers, food collection in aid of MIND, Children in Need and collections for The Royal British Legion as well as Christian Aid. The school is an integral part of the community of Hintlesham and Chattisham and is extremely thankful for the support kindly offered by the village communities. There are many regular generous offers of support and time given throughout all areas of the school from hearing readers through to waterproofing the pond and looking after the beautiful grounds. The children are proud to be chosen to take part in the events where they can give back to the community such as serving lunch and helping to promote a charity event at the Community Centre.

The KS2 SATs results for the Year 6 children in the Summer Term of 2018 were as follows:

90% of children achieved the expected level in combined reading, writing and maths.

The Local Authority average was 61% and the average in England was 64%.

20% of children achieved the higher level in combined reading, writing and maths.

The Local Authority average was 9% and the average in England was 10%.

8. TO RECEIVE ANY OTHER REPORT

There were no other reports

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm