

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 13th May 2015 at 7.00pm in the Coronation Hall, Wilby**

**Parish Councillors (Cllrs) present:** I Williamson (Chair), D Holliday, S Lee & I Taylor

**In attendance:** County Cllr G McGregor, District Cllr J Flatman and nine members of the public.

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr T Strehlow, Mrs M Pipe (Secretary of the PCC) and PCSO 3290 Kane Martin

1. **Introduction and welcome by Chair of the Parish Council** - The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed Julie Flatman as newly elected District Councillor.
2. **To approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 7th May 2014** - The minutes of the meeting, having previously been published on the parish notice board and the website, were approved and signed. Proposed and seconded by Mrs P Coleman & Cllr David Holliday respectively
3. **To discuss any matters arising from the minutes** - None
4. **To receive a report from the Parish Council** – Cllr. Williamson presented a report: see Appendix A
5. To receive reports from:
  - 5.1 Wilby School - The Headteacher, Mrs Coleman presented a report: see Appendix B
  - 5.2 Wilby WI - Mrs Morton, presented a report: see Appendix C
  - 5.3 Wilby PCC - The Secretary of the PCC, Mrs Pipe's report was read by Cllr. Williamson see Appendix D
  - 5.4 Coronation Hall - The Chair of the Village Hall, Mrs Taylor presented a report see Appendix E.
  - 5.5 District Councillor. Cllr. Flatman introduced herself and expressed her thanks for the support during her election campaign. Cllr Flatman is due to attend 10 days of training and is then hoping to sit on the Planning Committee. She will endeavour to attend Wilby Parish Council meetings were possible.
  - 5.6 County Councillor. Cllr. McGregor presented a report: see Appendix F
  - 5.7 Mid Suffolk North Safer Neighbourhood Team. The Police report was read by Cllr. Williamson: see Appendix G
6. Cllr Ian Taylor reported that Cllr Strehlow was attending meetings regarding the Defibrillator. All is progressing well, although more villages are hoping to purchase defibrillators, so more people are dipping into the pot of money available. Cllr Taylor reported that the object of the Village Survey was to get people's opinions on a variety of subjects which in turn will help the Parish Council and other groups make informed decisions. Further questions on Wilby Green will be incorporated. The draft survey is due to be sent round to councillors to approve very soon.

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### Open Forum

Residents were encouraged to ask questions.

Is anything planned for Wilby Green?

Cllr Williamson replied that this land is owned by the Commissioner of Open Land. The Parish Council has no obligations for the maintenance, but has taken on the task of keeping it reasonably tidy. It is an area for animals to graze or for people to walk. It is governed by many laws making it difficult to do anything with the area.

7. Meeting close – The meeting closed at 8.17pm

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## **APPENDIX A**

### **Report from Chairman Wilby Parish Council**

Since the last Annual Parish Meeting, the Parish Council has continued to meet on a two monthly schedule but also holding additional meetings in the interim to consider planning applications, where the Council thought a formal response was required. The minutes of our meetings are published on the parish noticeboard and on the parish website and in addition an informal resume of our meetings is placed in the parish newsletter.

A significant element of our business throughout the year has been associated with routine domestic housekeeping issues such as ensuring that our various standing orders and statutory policies are up to date. Unexciting as this is to most people, including many of my colleagues on the council, unfortunately it is an important facet of public administration and failing to keep up to speed can have serious consequences. The council has also however considered and supported three new interesting proposals affecting the village, at least two of which were initiated by the Village Hall committee. These are the provision of a defibrillator, the proposal to seek a speed limit on London City Road and thirdly the intention to conduct a Village Survey. Work is continuing on the first two and we will be hearing later a little more detail on the Village Survey.

Last year our budget was set assuming an income of £3502 and expenditure of £3184. In practice, and the figures are still to be audited, our income was £3631 and expenditure totalled £2571. For the current financial year we have not sought any increase in the precept, the amount of our funding that comes from the council tax.

This year we have seen a number of changes in the make up of the council. In July last year we were pleased to co-opt Ian Taylor on to the council. We have however seen the retirement from the council of Matt Stanford, who was an important voice for the agricultural community and of Penny Dupuy. Penny has been and remains a stalwart member of the community who has served the council as Clerk for 16 years and latterly as a councillor for four years. We are most grateful for her dedicated service to the council and to the community, and also her husband Fred, who have acted as our Tree and Footpath wardens and in Fred's case as our emergency planning officer.

We have also this year seen a changing of the guard with our Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. Alex Pullen resigned in September and we were very pleased to welcome Julie Collett from Huntingfield as her replacement in October last year.

It is fair to say that being a Parish councillor can be frustrating not least when the council submits a reasoned case, representing to the best of its ability the local view, to have this set aside by the next tier of local government because they take an opposing view or take refuge in a wider interest. It inevitably prompts the question what is the point of the parish council? It is also reflected in the level of public support evident at our meetings (and indeed at this meeting this evening, albeit that this is a Parish rather than a council meeting). Changes to the planning system should enhance local democracy and our plans for a Village Survey are designed to ensure that the council is better informed and has a better evidence base on which to make its decisions.

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Finally, today gives me the opportunity to express publically my thanks to those councillors who are remaining in office and I thank them for their commitment, their contributions to our decision making and for their support to me as their chairman. I would also like to thank our County Councillor Guy McGegor and former District Councillor Stuart Gemmill for their attendance at our meetings and to the Police for keeping us up to date in their areas of interest. I would also like to thank those members of the public who have regularly attended our meetings and given us their views on local issues. I just wish there were more of you!

Ian Williamson  
Chairman Wilby Parish Council

### **APPENDIX B**

#### **Wilby C of E Primary School – Parish Council report 13/5/15**

Thank you for our invitation to the annual parish meeting, as part of the Wilby community working together continues to be an important role for us.

So what has this year brought to Wilby School?

- We have started a free toddler group in the school hall on a Thursday morning and this is continuing to grow in popularity.
- We run a well supported breakfast club (24 children attend on some days)
- We provide after school activities every evening, extending provision for pupils until 4-15pm.
- Year 6 visited London and found out about a democratic society while visiting the Houses of Parliament, KS2 visited Duxford Imperial War Museum, Chestnut class visited the sea life center, Oak class went to see the Stick Man at the Norwich theatre, gymnastics club had a training session with gymnastic coaches from Pipers Vale Gymnastics, both Chestnut class & Willow class will be visiting farms to look at different aspects of the national curriculum.
- We had a visit from David Mason, an outstanding poet & author, who inspired our children's writing and entertained our families in an evening performance.
- Suffolk Wildlife Trust have visited and helped set up bird boxes, look at ways to develop our wildlife area and work with our children teaching about the environment in which we live.
- We have a parent volunteer who has got our polytunnel and allotment area back up and running. We are now running a farm to table project with our children.
- Our fantastic friends association continues to run fundraising events, valentines disco, cake stalls, Christmas fair & chocolate tombola.
- Our parents' forum helps give a stronger voice and develop parental engagement by shaping ideas which in turn informs our school development plan.
- Our fabulous new minibus arrived in February, a legacy of the Olympic games through the school's sports funding and donations from our friends association (thank you).
- We raised money for red nose day by wearing something red.
- Mothers came in for mother's day lunch.
- We watched the partial eclipse on our school whiteboard due to poor weather conditions.
- Our children did very well in the cross country finals, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> places, our gymnastics team came 2<sup>nd</sup> under 7s, 4<sup>th</sup> under 9s and 3<sup>rd</sup> under 11s – A big well done to all those who competed.
- Music club performed guitar and drums recitals to parents.
- All of our KS1 and KS2 pupils have had swimming lessons.
- This week our year 6 pupils are busy sitting their Standard Attainment Tasks (SATS) Good luck to all those involved.
- Celebration in St Mary's Church for Christmas and Easter Service.

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Still to come:

KS1 to visit Bewilderwood

KS2 to visit latitude Festival

Music for a summers evening

Leavers Service in St Mary's Church

Leavers Disco

Summer Fair

Please see our website for details: [www.wilbyprimary.org.uk](http://www.wilbyprimary.org.uk)

### **APPENDIX C**

#### Wilby Women's Institute

The WI is 100 years old this year, and one member from each institute has been invited to Buckingham Palace for a garden party. So the posh hats are coming out of their boxes!

Wilby WI started its year with a subs & social evening in January. February we were shown how the lovely art work on the canal barges was done. Mr Herne, who brought along some wonderful pieces he had painted, made it look so easy to do those lovely roses you associate with the barges. March was about Thornham Magna Forge, which went from shoeing horses through to the present day making village signs. Brundish sign was one of those made there. April – slides on polar bears. May- The Cogwheel Trust – a Christian children's charity working in India & Uganda. June sees us going to Monk Soham Winery, this sounds like a good night out. July – Summer fruits cookery. August – Upholstery demo. September – Eastern Harriers. October is entitled "A Cycle Ride". November - the AGM. Then all too quickly December arrives and we go out locally for a Christmas meal. So I hope you can see that we have a variety of speakers.

Wilby WI consists of approx 24 members from Wilby and the surrounding villages. The last two years have seen a steady stream of new members, so we must be doing something right!

I find being a WI member is good fun. You learn new skills, go to interesting places, but most of all meet & make new friends.

Nancy Morton

### **APPENDIX D**

Report from Wilby Church

In January David Burrell was interviewed for the post of Rector. He was appointed and joined us at the end of June.

We continue to have services each Sunday. We have two informal Village Worship services each month and these are still very popular. We also have one service of Holy Communion (BCP) and one service of Morning Prayer (BCP) each month. At

Easter and Christmas we once again had a family service with a shortened Communion and these were well received again. We would not have been able to maintain the amount of services without our Lay Elder, Sheila Pipe who has been taking at least two services each month. We have also had help from Elders from neighbouring villages and we are grateful for this.

We held three fundraising events during the year - two Lent Lunches and an Autumn Supper. Half the money raised at the Lent Lunches is donated to the St Elizabeth Hospice.

On August 4<sup>th</sup> we held a service in church at 10pm to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary outbreak of World War One. This service was put together and led by Sheila and was well attended.

The school continue to come to the church on a regular basis for their services at Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

We were pleased to have three weddings during the year - one of these was the wedding of Philippa, the headmistress of the school. It was great to have the children from the school taking part in the service.

Once again we have paid our Parish Share of £7074 in full which is a wonderful achievement. This is paid to the Diocese and goes towards the vicar's salary and other central church expenses. On top of this we have to pay large amounts of money just to upkeep, insure and run this beautiful historic building

As always our churchyard has been well maintained to a very high standard and our thanks are due to David Brundan, who until recently organised this work, and to many others who help out in so many ways. We regularly hear favourable comments about the way that our churchyard is managed. Rob Barber will be organising things in the future and any help with grass cutting etc would be gratefully received.

Finally thank you to those in the village who support us in many different ways, whether helping out at social events or attending these events. We hope that we will continue to receive this support in the future - the church is here for you and we need your support.

## **APPENDIX E**

For Annual Parish Meeting 7-5-2014.

### **Wilby Village Coronation Hall.**

The hall continues to serve as an Emergency Centre for Mid Suffolk.

At the age of 77, Marian felt that it was time for someone else to have a go at steering the village hall forward. After nine years of being at the helm of Wilby Village Coronation hall's committee, Marian Ward stepped down as chairperson and handed over the keys to me,

newly elected as chairperson October 2014. During Marian's time as chairperson she achieved many things which have greatly improved and regenerated the hall, bringing many facilities up to date: from cookers, carpet and curtains to new toilets, a much improved entrance and a well equipped, functional kitchen. Marian worked tirelessly seeking information and researching grants available and had great success in acquiring funding from many places. I personally would like to thank the Village Hall Committee Members for all their efforts and commitment to the hall throughout the year(s) in their various roles. The editors of Diss Express and East Anglian Daily Times support the hall by publishing items in their papers. All the attention drawn to the hall helps to advertise it. In addition we have added Village Hall on to Hallshire, a free online advertising website specifically for village halls. Victor Warne continues to produce a monthly E-letter to interest people in the activities there.

The activities in the village hall have increased. Typically on a monthly basis we host various dances, ranging from Line Dance Social, Sequence Dance Practice, Zumba and Social Dances. The hall has been used for yoga classes, art workshops and private parties/functions as well as WI and Parish Council meetings and jumble sales. We have had a couple of film shows starring Chris Burt and a new Social Evening has been introduced. Our next venture is the Summer Fete on the 6<sup>th</sup> June which we hope will turn into an annual event. We are looking to work more closely with the Primary School on future events.

The Ladybird Lunches have increased their lunches to now run twice monthly. This of course offers an opportunity for local residents and people from further afield to meet and eat. We hope that the local community will take an active interest and support their village hall in any of its social ventures and realise what a great facility, we as a small rural village, have to offer.

Alison Taylor  
Chairperson of Wilby Village Hall

## **APPENDIX F**

### **Report from County Councillor Guy McGregor**

May 2015

From the residents viewpoint the most significant item is the fact that yet again there is no increase in the council tax from SCC for 2015-16.

The next significant item is the stunning performance of Wilby CoE Primary School.

The High Schools which accept pupils from Wilby (Stradbroke & Eye) are also performing well with Hartismere being rated Outstanding yet again.

We await the Ofsted Report on SCC as an Education Authority.

We have some unfinished business in the desire to have a 20 mph speed limit extended on the London Road. I am afraid that the County has now got a long winded procedure as regards to extending speed limits but I am pursuing the application.

The CC has its AGM next week and there will be changes in the Cabinet.

The group feels that many Cabinet Members have not done a good job and of particular concern is highway maintenance.

I have attended most of the Parish Council Meetings and this is an opportunity to express my thanks for the courteous way in which I have been received by parish councillors. They all do a fine job in articulating the requirements of the village.

Guy McGregor  
County Councillor, Hoxne & Eye Division

**APPENDIX G**

## **POLICE REPORT FOR WILBY PCM**

### **Crime Stats**

Since your last report there have been a total of **0** crimes for Wilby

### **Recent crime trends**

There has been a recent crime trend of garden ornaments/furniture that is being stolen from either the front or rear gardens of properties during the hours of darkness. However, now the nights are starting to become lighter we are hoping that we will see a decline in these types of thefts from occurring.

We are advising members of the public to report anything suspicious activity that they see happening.

### **Upcoming Events**

We have organised a Catalytic Marking Event at Barley Green Garage, Stradbroke on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June between 9:30am and 12:30pm.

### **Scams**

There are numerous scams created every day, all designed to trick you into handing over money or personal details.

Every year around 3 million UK consumers lose a total of £3.5 billion to scams. Here are some of the things you should look out for;

#### **Prize Draw**

You may receive an email, letter or telephone call that informs you, you've won a prize. But for you to claim the prize you either have to pay a fee or you need to order something from a catalogue.

However, in the small print it states that you are actually entering a prize draw. If you receive something similar to this, you need to think if you have entered any prize draws?

And if it is asking for you to pay any money? If so this is probably a scam and should be ignored.

#### **Poor spelling or grammar in emails**

Scammers will often put misspellings in their email in an effort to avoid triggering spam filters for common keywords in their messages, for example "money" or "gambling". This way they can maximize the number of people their messages reach by avoiding spam filters.

### **Priorities**



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On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, Eye SNT held its quarterly priority tasking meeting. During the meeting it was decided that the following priorities would be set;

**Rural Crime - target incidents of Rural Crime in Mid Suffolk North** - Rural Crime is defined as 'Any crime of a agricultural, livestock wildlife or heritage nature. Includes fly tipping, unauthorised metal detecting and hare coursing.

**Excess speed – target vehicles exceeding speed limits in Mid Suffolk North** - Due to the increased number of complaints, received in the meeting and through the last period.

**The next meeting is set for Thorndon Village Hall, Thorndon at 7.30pm on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

### **Your Local Safer Neighbourhood Team**

Your local team is always willing to assist with crime prevention, and can often assist with inexpensive methods of helping you ensure your property is better secured. Feel free to contact us on the details included in this report with any questions or concerns.

**Your Safer neighbourhood Team (SNT)**