



MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 24.04.15

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Minutes of the Palgrave Annual Parish Meeting held in the Community Centre on 24th April 2015 at 7.30pm

Present

Councillors: M Bootman (Chairman), M Brown, K Charman, Mrs W Cooper and Ms M Sneddon

Also present: County Cllr J Fleming, District Cllr D Burn, PCSO K Martin, Kit Wells

Electors: Mrs E Bootman, H Bunbury, Mrs S Bunbury, Mrs B Dyer, M Dyer, V Dyer, P Harrington, Ms S Hoskins, A Lloyd, Mrs J Lloyd, I McClintock, Mrs J McClintock, Ms N Miller and A Spoors.

4.15.1. APM Welcome

Cllr M Bootman welcomed Electors and Representatives and explained the purpose and structure of the Meeting, which would take a slightly different format from previous years.

4.15.2. APM Apologies

Apologies received from Mrs E Collins, Cllr J Gibbons, Mrs D Gibbons and Cllr N Weston.

4.15.3. APM To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 8th May 2014

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th May 2014, having been published in the April 2014 'Palgrave Star', were approved and signed as a true record. Copies of the available Reports were appended to the Minutes.

4.15.4. APM Reports

The following reports, having been published in the April (and May - School) 2015 'Palgrave Star', were presented and the main points of discussion on each were noted as follows:

4.15.4.1 APM Police Report: PCSO Kane Martin (for PCSO David Faulkner)

Speeding; limits to operational hours of PCSOs; increase in burglaries.

4.15.4.2 APM County Council Report: County Cllr Jessica Fleming

Following up on 'Access Only' road - 6 month timeframe, relocating warning signs for HGVs using Crossing and Priory Roads, safety review of level crossings and Broadband - min 2Mb by end of 2015 and 'superfast' by end of 2020.

VAS - why taking so long? - health and safety issues with new contractor Kier May Gurney;

School Travel Plan - to be subject of a meeting with Highways, School and Parish Council;

Road signs twisted, dirty and rusted, verges cut once a year, brambles sticking out;

Length of time taken to repair footway light opposite Burlington Close;

PDCC thanks for contribution towards replacement floor of main hall, Community Centre.

4.15.4.3 APM District Council Report: District Cllr David Burn

Progress Power Eye power station - Inspector's report sent to Secretary of State that day with 3 months to decide, three-quarters of present District Councillors will be retiring in May.

4.15.4.4 APM St Peter's Parochial Church Council Report: Hugh Bunbury (PCC)

New Rector for the Benefice - Rev. Adrian Watkins from Newmarket - from 21st July;

'Open the Book' sessions for school pupils on Thursday mornings - help needed.

4.14.4.5 APM Palgrave & District Community Council Report: Alan Spoons (Chairman)
Bar refurbished - thanks to Martin Dyer and team of volunteers;
Working with Parish Council on village sign, new notice board and new play equipment.

4.14.4.6 APM St Peter's Primary School Report: Kit Wells (Chair of Governors)
Federation of schools is expanding and now has a new name - Tilian Federation;
Seeking approval by way of legal submission to the Secretary of State through Suffolk County Council to replace the worn grass of the Green used as for the playground with artificial turf.

4.14.4.7 APM Parish Council Report: Cllr M Bootman (Chairman)
The Parish Council provides monthly reports and updates through the 'Palgrave Star';
Advance notice of the Churchyard tidy-up 30th May; poor state of the Highway verges.

4.15.5. APM Other Village Organisations
Due acknowledgement and thanks were given to the other organisations in the Parish which include the Palgrave Welfare Trust, Table Tennis Club and the Gardening and Social Group.

Break for Refreshments

4.15.6.1 APM Discussion - Roads and Traffic
An update was provided but with little progress to report on Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS), abuse of the 'Access Only' road, HGVs and other issues that were still being pursued.

4.15.6.2 APM Discussion - Joint Local Plan Review
A public meeting had been held earlier in the year to respond to the questionnaire. As a consequence Palgrave, along with Stuston and Thrandeston, had been provisionally allocated to the 'Diss cluster'. The Parish Council had and will continue to respond to consultations and further public meetings will be held when there is something of substance to discuss.

4.15.6.3 APM Discussion - Footway Lighting
The 15 footway lights owned by the Parish Council, fitted to various electricity poles, are old and several fail current safety requirements. As and when the existing sodium lamps fail they will need to be replaced by modern LED fittings, for which the Parish Council will be charged. The LED lighting is brighter and more energy efficient and the views of Electors were sought as to whether the Parish Council should be pro-active in replacing the old lamps. The consensus was that, as the Parish Council will have to pay for the conversion sooner or later, it might as well plan to convert them and reduce the energy bill.

4.15.6.4 APM Discussion - The Green
It was noted that ownership of the Lord of the Manor had been transferred without a sale, so the provisions due to it being listed as an Asset of Community Value had not come into effect. It was understood that maintenance of trees and so on could result in substantial expenditure. As a registered village green within the conservation area, it benefited from a substantial degree of legal protection. It was felt that a more accurate cost versus benefit to the Community appraisal would be necessary to provide a more informed view.

4.15.7. APM Parish Council Elections 7th May
This Parish Council was ending its 4-year term and the new Parish Council would be formed from those Councillors elected next month.

4.15.8. APM Meeting ended - Closing Remarks

4.15.9. APM Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on 14th May 2015