

Minutes of the Cavendish Annual Parish Meeting – May 19th 2021

The Annual Parish Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm in Cavendish Memorial Hall under the Chair of Councillor Halliday.

Present: Parish Councillors M Halliday, A Williamott, E Gittins and M Freeman
County Councillor Bobby Bennett, District Councillor Nick Clarke
Also present: 8 Parishioners. In attendance Chris Turner (Clerk)

Councillor Halliday welcomed those present and made a short speech. He praised the work for the village of the late Parish Councillor Rosemary Silver and District Councillor Jim Meikle

Apologies received from PC Danny Rowe and DC's Karen Richardson and Marion Rushbrook

Minutes of the meeting in 2019 were accepted as correct, Proposed Cllr Gittins,
Seconded Cllr Williamott

Nick Clarke introduced himself and gave a brief resume of his life and career to date and welcomed questions from those present. He was asked whether anything could be done about the speed limit in Water Lane, extending the 30mph limit. In addition, it was dangerous walking down Water Lane, with no hard pavement and speeding cars. Another parishioner mentioned cars parked partially on the pavements which were causing obstructions and asked what could be done.

Bobby Bennett then introduced herself as our new County Councillor. She has taken over from Mary Evans and they were going through the process of passing over information on the local Parish Councils and their problems etc. She is aware of the traffic issues in the village and our wish for ANPR to be in force in the village on occasions, as well as “the lorry ban” which is awaited.

Various representatives from local groups made reports detailing activities during the last year

Horticultural Society - Isobel Clarke
Cavendish Community Council and Tuesday Club - Anne Parker (Tuesday club may be closing due to lack of Committee members)
Cavendish Local History - Nick Young
Sports Club - Nick Young
Cavendish Care - E mail from Pat Verrinder read out by Chair

Village Shop - Report by Michael Gratton read out by Chair
Theatre Club - Judy Kemp
Cavendish Speedwatch -Stuart Letten had sent a report that the clerk read out
Bowls Club - Annette Williamott
Cavendish Pre-school - Report read by Chair

Overall, Covid19 meant that there was little activity in 2020 but hopefully most clubs are in a reasonably good position for 2021, and most clubs/societies will have a programme of activity.

The Chair gave an overview of the last 12 months and what the council were hoping to achieve in the forthcoming year. Planning issues were prominent during the year. We received a consultation, (SHELAA), which had indicated that land at the end of Peacocks Road was earmarked for 80+ houses as well as an area in Nether Road for a further small number, 6+. Councillor Ted Gittins spoke about the consultation and confirmed that the Parish Council have made a response, stating the area chosen was not appropriate, we are awaiting further details. The information is on the village Parish Council webpage.

The clerk gave an overview of the financial position over the last 12 months which included a spend of £20000+ on the Memorial Hall/Carpark. A rental holiday had been given to the Pre-school and income from the Memorial Hall was 10% of previous years however grants had been obtained A donation towards repairs had also been received from the Ambrose Trust. Full figures will be published shortly.
A grant was received from Suffolk Community Foundation towards Covid19 costs which were used for the village magazine, communication, village shop and misc costs.

There were no further issues and the meeting closed at 8.45

C Turner - Clerk