

Minutes of Frettenham Annual Parish Meeting 20th May 2013

Present: Mr D Yaxley (Chairman), Mr P Norton (Vice Chairman), Mr R Goodson, Mr S Catterall, Mr K Robertson, Mrs P Stokes (Clerk), Mrs B Rix (District Councillor), Mr Dan Roper (County Councillor) and 17 members of the public.

Apologies: Mr R Fisher, Mrs D Kean-Cockburn, and Mrs M Hunter.

The Chairman checked to make sure no one objected to the meeting being recorded as the Clerk does not do shorthand. No one objected.

Minutes of Meeting held on 26th May 2012: These were proposed as correct by Mr P Edwards and seconded by Mrs M Yaxley. Then signed by the Chairman.

Chairman's Report: The building plot on Pound Hill, planning permission was given to this application. The Parish Council objected very strongly to this application.

The Parish Council are still looking for land to extend the burial ground. There was some space at the back and side of the churchyard, so with the help of Veolia who cut all the trees and greenery back, then Shaun, Philip and Roger with the help of some machinery have cleared all the soil and re-seeded the area which has given space for more graves.

The memorial at the church is at present stood on four bricks, Shaun has laid a new concrete base for the memorial and in the near future this will be relocated back on to the base.

The public footpath from Church Lane to Church Road, Roger has again sprayed one side of the footpath to keep the nettles down and the same contractor as last year has agreed to cutting the other side. Chairman thanked Philip for repairing the squeeze at the end of the footpath.

The public footpath which runs through Hillside, a resident has agreed to keep this cleared.

Well Green, the Chairman has asked for the telephone box to be removed on numerous occasions, this will be done when contractors are in the area and have time.

A seat will also be located on this green in memory of Christine Broughton.

Roger planted many bulbs on Church Lane.

The Parish Council have received a New Homes Bonus payment from Broadland District Council.

The new Frettenham sign has now been located on the Buxton Road near the Rose and Crown.

The Parish Council had no say as to where this was located and it has been put well inside the boundary of Frettenham.

The Old Gas Site: Mr R Smart addressed the meeting.

Mr Smart is looking into the possibility of purchasing the Gas Site and building a Care Home on this site. This is in the very early stages at present. One cause for concern was the access to the care home, Harbord Road would not be acceptable as an entrance. There were no major objections at present to this idea.

Newsletter: Mr Greg Price addressed the meeting:

Greg introduced himself as part of the new team producing the newsletter and gave an update of how the work on the newsletter was progressing. One of the teams requests would be to have more input into the newsletter.

Frettenham Youth Club: Mr Craig Forder addressed the meeting.

Craig introduced himself as one sixth of the volunteers that run the Youth Club. There are between 20 and 25 children who attend the Club and parents are now helping on a rota basis. A football table is one of the items which has just been purchased by the Club.

Emergency Plan: Mr Brian Plumstead addressed the meeting.

There is now a cascade call out system which has been produced and a copy of this can be found on the village web site. From the questionnaire which was done in the village there are now 73 people who have volunteered to help in an emergency. There was a first aid course held at the Village Hall and there are now 36 first aiders in the village. This emergency plan is now registered at the Norfolk Resilience Corum, which should allow the emergency services to work more closely with the village in the event of an emergency.

District Councillor: Mrs Barbara Rix addressed the meeting.

Barbara has now been asked by Broadland District Council to be on the Drainage Board Committee. Some money from the Council Tax is paid to the organisation to fund the project. This project is to stop flooding from the sea.

Police: No one attended the meeting.

Speed watch: Mr Ian Boothby addressed the meeting.

The speed watch gun has only been in working condition for the last four weeks, in that time five sessions have been carried out. The speed watch team would still like volunteers to help.

Refreshments

County Councillor: Mr Dan Roper addressed the meeting.

Dan introduced himself as the new County Councillor for our ward , having been voted into the position in the May elections. Dan moved into Frettenham a year ago and said that how welcome he and his family had been made to feel. David congratulated Dan on being elected to the position of County Councillor.

Update on development on Hall Lane: Mr David Yaxley gave an update on this development.

With reference to the public meeting held at the Village Hall about this development, Mr Yaxley read a letter from Wherry Housing with replies to the points brought up by residents at this meeting.

Tree Warden: Mr Roger Goodson addressed the meeting.

Various trees around the village have had some branches removed and the base of the trees tidied up. The bulbs have now been planted along the Avenue of Trees down Church Lane, the purchase of these bulbs was funded by the Parish Council. The wooded area at the Church Road end of the public footpath have now had some young trees planted. These trees had been donated. Pound Hill Point, all plants are doing well in this area. The Alexandra Plant, trying to keep control of this plant as it take over the hedgerows.

Frettenham Village Hall: Mr Philip Norton addressed the meeting.

All going well at the Village Hall and financially all is okay. Various events will be organised again during the course of the year.

Any Other Questions:

Mr Goodson commented that in 2014 it is one hundred years since the 1st World War. Possibility of organising a commemoration event for this occasion.

Mr Yaxley thanked Mrs Christine Asker and Mrs Maureen Plumstead for organising the refreshments.

Signed:

Chairman