

GREAT ASHFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 25th May, 2017
At the Lord Thurlow Hall at 7pm

Chairman: Cllr A. Peake

Mrs. S. Austin parish clerk took the minutes

Cllr Peake welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. To Sign the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2016 were signed as a correct record of proceedings.

2. Suffolk County Council Annual Report

Cllr Jane Storey attended a report had been received, a copy of which is attached. Cllr Storey advised she has been appointed deputy leader and has the portfolio for Broadband and rural issues. It was advised the millennium book was now being rebound at a cost of £500 and Cllr Storey confirmed £200 was available from her locality funds. The clerk to send a copy of the invoice and a brief note on what works were carried out to Cllr Storey. The Chair asked for help with the cost of speed signage (Speed Indicator Displays – SIDs) in the village which will cost in the region of £3000, he advised the Council had been offered a donation of £750 already. Cllr Storey advised she would look at highway locality monies available probably in the region of £1,250. The parish council will try and find funding from other sources for the remainder of the monies.

3. Mid Suffolk District Council Annual Report

Cllr Roy Barker was unable to attend, a report had been received and was read to the meeting: Mid Suffolk District Council continue to work well in some very difficult and challenging financial times.

- Green energy income up £460k of income generated this year from solar panels installed on our properties.
- 20 tonnes of glass being collected a month, extra on top of the bring sites 2000 tonnes plus, by our business waste team
- New Council houses, we are building 65 new council houses across the district, 14 already occupied
- Devolution has come and gone with no positive support from other council outside of Suffolk
- Moving the HQ for the council to Endeavour House in Ipswich, and call in centres for face to face contact has been agreed
- The Council provided over £725k in grants to community groups for improvements to village hall etc
- Number of empty homes down, 97 brought back into use generating extra £130k income
- The planning department is being inundated with many large applications specially in the villages along the A14 Woolpit, Elmswell and Thurston in particular

- Funding for community let housing up £430k secured DCLG grants secured for affordable homes
- New Chief Executive has just been appointed
- Still collecting over 100 tonnes of litter off the A14 (a Forth road bridge issue)

But I am always available for any residents problems and try to get to as many parish councils as possible – Roy Barker

4. Police Report

No representative from Suffolk Constabulary attended and no report had been received.

5. PCC Report

Mr R Barker was unable to attend a report had been received and was read to the meeting a copy of which is attached.

6. Village Hall Report

No one from the Village Hall Committee was able to attend but a report had been received and was read to the meeting a copy of which is attached.

7. W.I. Report

A representative from the W.I attended and gave a report a copy of which is attached.

8. Parish Council Annual Report

The Chairman of the Parish Council gave a report a copy of which is attached.

9. Public Forum

Nothing further was added.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35pm

Signed:

Date: