

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Swafield and Bradfield

Held on Tuesday 5th March 2019

At 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Swafield

- 1. Present**
Mr Ernie Alexander - Chairman of the Parish Council
Nine parishioners (local electors)
- 2 In Attendance**
Ed Maxfield – Norfolk County Councillor
Ros Calvert - Clerk of the Parish Council
- 3 Minutes** of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 6th March 2019, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman
- 4 Apologies** - none received
- 5 Parish Council - Chairman's Report 2018 (Ernie Alexander)**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2019

Good evening ladies and gentlemen.

We welcome Gaynor Rawlings as a new member of the parish council.
We look forward to her input during future meetings.

Anglia Water has started work connecting Swafield and Bradfield to the sewage system. Unfortunately, Bradfield Road has not been included in this work, even though this was the area of most concern. Over the work period, road closed signs have been used to enable the contractors to work safely. Unfortunately, these have been ignored by some road users causing problems when they have had to turn round in residents gateways. I feel this could have been enforced more effectively.

Several requests have been made regarding planning permission in the village. Only one application has been objected to.

Our County Councillor has been a frequent visitor to our meetings and when unable to attend sent reports. This was appreciated by the council.

Unfortunately, our District Councillor has neither attended meetings nor sent reports in spite of being invited. I find this concerning.

The village event this year was again a great success. As from this year, the village hall committee will be solely responsible for the fete and the proceeds will go to their projects. The parish council will continue to support where ever possible.

The highway from Swafield to Knapton from approx. Woodlands to Beech Farm is in poor repair. The road narrows in this section causing the sides of the road to break down and large potholes have appeared.

The village speed watch has had to cease whilst the flow of traffic through the village has been disrupted. It has now resumed. It is hoped that the flashing speed signs, soon to be erected, will also help with the speeding problems.

The defibrillator is checked weekly and a report is submitted. New pads have been fitted.

My thanks go to Ros for all her help, keeping us fully informed and updated. Also to the members of the P.C. who have attended meetings regularly - giving up their time to help when needed. My thanks also go to the members of the public who attend our meetings.

Before concluding my report, I would like to thank both the councillors (past and present) and everybody who has supported me during my term of office as Council Chairman.

This concludes my report.

There were no questions to the Chairman. It was noted that the work Mr Alexander had carried as Chairman of the Parish Council was much appreciated.

6. Annual Reports from Local Groups

1. Swafield Village Hall

Tim Payne, chairman of the Village Hall Committee reported that their finances were good enough to maintain the building and that repairs following recent damage to the floor were in hand.

The main activities were:

- The Cinema which was run on a not-for-profit basis and with improved sound systems was increasing in popularity with audiences of up to 40 people.
- The table tennis club which met weekly
- The annual pantomime which most successful last year, plans were afoot for another one this year
- And the Village Fete which would be held on 23 June at Swafield Hall 2019.

There were no questions to the Chairman. Appreciation was expressed for all the work the Village Hall Committee carried out, a great asset to the village, so good for the community.

2. Swafield Church

Tim Payne reported on activities both at Swafield Church and at Trunch. There had been nine concerts last year with three at St Nicholas, Swafield and number had been arranged for the coming summer.

7. Open Forum

A pupil of a local High School and resident of Swafield gave a presentation on a proposed visit in 2020 to Zanzibar where they would be working as a volunteer at a local school. They hoped to study to qualify as a teacher after school. The pupil was looking to raise funds towards the project and the pupil's mother answered questions about the project.

8. There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.16 pm.

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Date