

WESTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Draft Minutes of Meeting - Thursday 13th May 2015 at 7.30pm in Westerfield Village Hall

Present: Councillors: Mr P Miller (Chairman), Mrs R Horsfield, Mr B. Reeve, Mrs Y Maynard, Mrs C Morrison, Mr R Hill, Mrs E Fisher.

Also present were County Councillor P Bellfield, District Councillor R Whiting, Mrs K Broyd (Clerk) and fourteen parishioners.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that all of the reports being presented were included in the Parish Meeting Pack available to all and to be filed with these minutes.
2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 23rd April 2014 were approved and signed.
3. There were no matters arising from the last minutes.
4. The Chairman gave his annual report and firstly thanked all the Councillors for their hard work during the past year. A meeting took place yesterday with a consultant re traffic calming after being let down twice previously. The development at Manor Farm has been changed as has the Fullers Field (now changed to 14 from the original 8) and outside the village envelope. The Ipswich development is delayed – Mersea Homes planning application temporarily withdrawn.
The Public Inquiry re Fonnereau footpath has cost a lot of money and work – a special thank you to Tom but also to everyone else who contributed in this Inquiry. The Inspectors report confirming footpath was well received in the village. A meeting with Tuddenham is to take place shortly to possibly work together on some local issues. Many thanks to Yvonne, Charlotte and Rosie for arranging plants at the gateways, although one of the planters appears to have disappeared. There are lots of activities that take place in the village, WI, scouts etc. a thank you to everyone who is involved in these. Thank you to Steven Hudson and Peter Bellfield who have both served Westerfield well. Also a big welcome to Robert Whiting who is taking over as District Councillor. Westerfield will soon have a website that will work towards access for minutes and other documents from the council.
5. Parish Council Financial Report. A copy of the financial report was read to the meeting.
6. Planning –Report presented with a list of Planning applications received in 2014/5.
7. County Councillor Peter Bellfield – Provided a report and highlighted Traffic calming and HGV problems on small roads are an ongoing problem.
8. A report from the Parochial Church Council was read to the meeting.
9. Charities reports received from
 - 9.1 Westerfield Village Hall
 - 9.2 Bridget Collett Education Foundation
10. Reports received from other Parish Groups and Clubs in the village were read out or reported.
11. Police unable to attend the meeting but Safer Neighbourhood team priorities were discussed.
12. Comments from parishioners were made on the following matters:-
The long road closure for repairs at Culpho was criticised with many other road repairs needed in the area.
Traffic calming – can progress be achieved? Councillor Whiting disappointed at delays.
Windows need to be replaced in the village hall – cost around £4000 – will be raised at a Parish Council meeting to suggest a contribution.

Following this meeting refreshments were served to allow people attending to have informal conversation amongst themselves.

13. Date of next meeting – May 2016.