

MINUTES OF KERSEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4 APRIL 2011 AT 7.30 PM IN KERSEY VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Chair – Andrew Cumming, 3 Parish Councillors, Jeremy Pembroke - Suffolk County Councillor, Brian Lazenby – Babergh District Councillor, PCSO Amanda Coleman, 11 members of public and Sarah Partridge - Clerk.

APM 1/11 APOLOGIES were received from Yvonne Martin, Veronica Partridge, John Robinson, Joan & Ian Hattrick, Maraday Robinson

APM 2/11 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH MEETING held on 19 April 2010 were signed as correct.

APM 3/11 CORRESPONDENCE

Suffolk County Council had written to all parishes promoting their anti-litter campaign and Spring Clean Fortnight, they also gave details about the new recycling centre opening hours. Kersey had completed their annual spring litter pick at the beginning of March. Thanks were given to all parishioners who helped with this event and for the impromptu litter collections carried out by residents when out walking in the parish.

APM 4/11 REPORTS

Full Reports are all appended to these minutes.

Police – PCSO Amanda Coleman gave her report, answered questions and then left the meeting.

Suffolk County Council, Jeremy Pembroke gave his report answered questions and then left the meeting. Jeremy was given a round of applause, by way of thanks for his work, after giving his report.

Babergh District Council, Brian Lazenby gave his report highlighting the main achievements of Babergh District Council over the last year, answered questions and then left the meeting.

Kersey Parish Council, Andrew Cumming gave his report.

Kersey Parish Council Working Groups/Representatives

Kersey Parish Council Footpath Working Group, John Maltby gave his report. Thanks were expressed from the floor for the good job done by the Footpath Group keeping all paths walk-able.

Kersey Community Playground Committee (Working Group), a report was read from Jonathan Marsh.

Millennium Book Fund, John Maltby gave his report.

Transport, the Clerk gave a report.

Tree Warden, a report from Maraday Robinson was read.

Other Kersey Village Organisations

Forget-Me-Nots, a report from Viv Bourne was read.

Franey & Rand Charities, Nora Ryde gave her report.

Friends of the Fabric & Bells of St Mary's Church Neville Whittell gave a short report. They have £6,000 in the bank but, for insurance reasons, they are no longer able to hold tower open events so no additional income is expected. They will soon have to purchase some new bell ropes.

Grays' Trust, a report was read from John Robinson.

Kersey CEVCP School, a report received after the meeting from the Head Teacher, Mrs Belinda Harvey is appended, it will be read at the Parish Council AGM on 16 May 2011.

Kersey Playing Field Association, a report from Ian Hattrick was read.

Kersey Study Group, a report was read from Maraday Robinson.

Lewis Mowles Trust, Norah Orriss gave her report.

Neighbourhood Watch, a brief report was read from John Robinson.

Nightingale Trust, a report was read from David Griffiths.

St Mary's Church PCC, a report was read from Joan Hattrick.

Table Tennis Club, a report was read from Chris Judd.

Toddler Group, a report was read from Sarah Craske.

Tuesday Club, Rachel Wells gave her report.

Village Hall, John Maltby gave his report.

Village Produce Association, Rachel Wells gave her report.

APM 5/11 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Chairman gave an update about the progress of the joint affordable housing project being progressed by Monks Eleigh, Lindsey and Kersey Parish Councils. Two sites have been identified as suitable for affordable homes, one in Back Lane, Monks Eleigh for 5 homes and one in Vale Lane, Kersey for 2 homes. A Village Information Event is planned for Tuesday 28 June from 3pm in Kersey village hall; there will also be a Village Information Event in Monks Eleigh village hall on Tuesday 21 June. Officers from Orwell Housing Association, Babergh, Suffolk ACRE and Parish Councillors will all be available at the event to answer questions and discuss the scheme. Architect plans for the homes and information about the new Affordable Rent Tenancies will also be available at the event. The Chairman encouraged all parishioners to drop in to the Village Information Event to find out about the proposed scheme.

APM 6/11 PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Several Action Plan items of progress this year were mentioned in the Kersey Parish Council annual report. An updated Parish Plan Action Plan showing considerable progress on many initiatives raised by the Parish Plan is appended.

APM 7/11 VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Kersey has been invited to enter the Village of the Year competition. This event is not just about the appearance of the village. Marks are awarded for community spirit, the running of the Parish Council, other special activities and the general appearance of the village. It was commented that community spirit in the village had improved in recent years, evident by the many well organised and well attended events in the village. After some discussion a vote was taken from all present, it was overwhelmingly agreed that we should enter this competition.

APM 8/11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Parishioners were made aware that the Royal Mail letter boxes are only emptied once a day in the afternoon.

Following some mechanical road sweeping the drains on Cherry Hill are blocked with mud.

The street light near the village pump is often on during the day, the Clerk will report this to our street lighting contractor.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9 pm.

There are 26 sheets appended to these minutes.