
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF ARDELEY HELD IN ARDELEY VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 15 MAY 2017 COMMENCING AT 8.10 PM

Present: Cllr David Young (Chairman)
Ken Crofton (County and District Councillor)

Officer attending Aimee Lauezzari (Clerk and RFO)

Present: 22 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

None

2. MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 9 May 2016 were before the meeting and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr David Young gave the following report:

Welcome to our Annual Parish Meeting. We are always glad to welcome parishioners to our meetings and are pleased that you are interested in the work of the council. This is my report of activities of the past year. We will be happy to deal with any comments that you may have at the end of the report. The council have met six times this year and I will itemise under headings the main subjects discussed.

Finance

Our internal auditor, Mr. Alan Herbert, keeps a friendly eye on our accounts and activities for us and we are very grateful to him for this. It was agreed that our precept for the year 17/18 should be increased to £6000.

Highways

The condition of the roads have gotten worse over the year. The parish council keeps bringing the problems to the attention of Ringway, but it is not easy because you have to report it on a website or an automated fault phone line. We rely more and more on our District Councillor, Ken Crofton, to help us on highway matters.

Cromer Drains

Some of the drains down Cromer High Street have become blocked again.

Byways, Bridleways and Footpaths

BOAT 6 at Wood End has had hardcore put down the whole length of the BOAT. Footpath 26 has been diverted away from Highbury farmyard, so now it enters the road opposite Coates Manor Farm.

Village Pond

We are grateful to Bob Vincent for keeping the village pond tidy, which is a focal point in the centre of the village.

Easements

No easements have been requested this year.

Playground

We have got to have repairs done to some equipment, also to the gates. We are in the process of getting a roundabout for the playground. We have had the hedges trimmed, and many thanks to Chris Dawson for keeping the grass cut.

Litter

Dave Beasley regularly patrols the parish picking up any litter.

Planning Applications

During this year we have received 28 applications to comment on. Because there are 28, I will read the main ones.

Bury Grange Farm, appeal of conversion of granary to single dwelling, granted.

Cromer Hall Bungalow, demolition of detached bungalow and replace with detached dwelling and garage, granted.

The Hollies Ardeley, single storey rear and single storey side extensions, oak framed open porch to front entrance, granted.

Bancroft Farm, erection of two bay grain store, granted.
Mandra Barn Wood End, raise roof height of existing garage and stone out building to create first floor level, with three new dormer windows on southwest elevation, refused.
Land north of Moor Green Road, demolition of existing garages, creation of a detached two storey building, granted.
Everygreen Cottage Cromer Mill, single storey side extension and conversion of existing garage to habitable space, raising roof height over existing garage, new front porch, granted.

Thank You

Finally, thank you to my fellow councillors for their support during the past year. Ardeley is very lucky to have many parishioners that do much for the village and I thank them all, particularly Dave Beasley and Chris Dawson and finally I would like to thank Aimee for all the help she has given me over the past year.

4. FINANCE

The unaudited accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017 were before the meeting and noted.

5. OPEN SESSION

The owner of Hudson Stoves, located at Church Farm and discussed during the parish council meeting earlier in the evening, explained that EDHC was siting traffic as the main objection to his business (in the planning application). He asked council to add to the comment on the application that in the opinion of council, Hudson Stoves was not generating significant traffic to Church Farm.

AGREED: Council to comment as suggested.

It was suggested that those who sent comments about Church Farm be reminded that they could also send their comments to EHDC planning.

AGREED: Clerk to reply to all who commented with contact information for planning at EHDC.

Cllr Crofton suggested that council thank Jenny Dingley, retiring head teacher at Ardeley School.

AGREED: Council to write as suggested.

A parishioner thanked the councillors for their work this year.

Tim Waygood of Church Farm responded at length to the discussions at council meetings this year and this evening concerning activities at Church Farm. He reminded council that he had invited, and still invites, them to come to Church Farm and talk with him and see the farm. He spoke of MotivAction and the impact it had on traffic in the past and the history and changes over the years. Tim shared that he has been in consultation with EHDC and asked them to advise him of any lacking permissions. He feels they have delayed and is not pleased with the length of time the process is taking. He invited comments and feedback from councillors and parishioners.

A parishioner spoke in favour of Church Farm, saying he has lived in Wood End for 40 years, and that he feels the farm is engaging many people, providing countryside access and he is pleased. He added that small businesses were good for the area.

Another parishioner thanked the council and wished Church Farm success, even though he was not pleased with the changes he has seen in the village, with camping, added people and cars.

Tim Waygood spoke again to say that Church Farm has cancelled the music camping events and increased camping prices 40%, effectively reducing the numbers and impact on the village during summer weekends. He said the focus is now family camping.

A parishioner from Ardeley shared that his children have worked at Church Farm and that he feels the farm has brought life and vibrancy to the village.

Another parishioner from Moor Green asked about the entrance to the farm on the blind bend being a hazard.

Tim Waygood responded that he would consider safety measures there.

A parishioner reminded the meeting that Tim Waygood was born in Ardeley and has found a way to stay here, and that he worked together with others on the campaign to reduce air traffic over Ardeley.

A parishioner from Wood End shared that she came to a council meeting to express her support for Church Farm and she was glad to hear that there were no problems with the café, farm shop and pub. She encouraged councillors to visit and said she hoped Ardeley would not become a "dormitory village."

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed _____

Date _____

Aimee Lauezzari
May 2017