

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF ARDELEY HELD IN ARDELEY VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 19 MAY 2014 COMMENCING AT 8.08 PM**

Present: Cllr David Young (Chairman)  
CCllr and DCllr Ken Crofton  
Officer attending Marty Kilby (Clerk and RFO)

Present: 9 parishioners and members of the public

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mr David Mansfield

**2. MINUTES OF MEETING**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 20 May 2013 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 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'll be happy to deal with any comments that you may have at the end of the report. The Council has met six times this year and I will itemise under headings the main subjects discussed.

**Finance**

Our Accounts were approved by the external auditor. 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 14/15 should again not be increased and held at last year's amount and be for £3,000.

**Highways**

The condition of the roads has diminished over the year but there is not much the parish council can do except keep bringing the problems to the attention of Ringways – the new highways maintenance team. It is not easy to talk to Ringways - everything has to be done either on their fault reporting website or an automated fault reporting phone line. It is no longer possible to talk directly to a live person and we rely more and more on our District Councillor Ken Crofton for help on highway matters. Solutions to help improve pedestrian safety in Cromer have been started by Jim Egginton new road markings have been put in place in Cromer to try and persuade vehicles to drive more slowly.

**Byways, Bridleways and Footpaths**

Groundworks, the Herts County rights of way department, have helped with reinstating the surface of some footpaths and byways in Moor Green and also arrange for a landowner to clear a blocked bridleway.

**Village Pond**

Once again we are grateful to Bob Vincent for keeping the village pond tidy which is a focal point in the village.

**Easements**

No easements have been requested over last year.

**Playground**

We are grateful that Dave Mansfield has kindly said he was willing to continue to oversee the playing field and would report to the Council any necessary repairs etc. We have also had the hedges trimmed and many thanks are due to Chris Dawson for keeping the grass tidy.

**Litter**

Dave Beasley regularly patrols the parish removing any litter and keeping our village tidy. We are very grateful to Dave for carrying out this task.

**Planning applications**

During this year we have received the following applications:

Date	Application No.	Property	Reason for application	Planning result
9.4.14	3/14/0573/LB	Chapel Farm, Wood End	Remove cement render over 1st storey front elevation and replace with lath and lime render	
12.3.14	3/14/0415/FP	Old Barn, Lime Tree Farm, White Hill, Cromer	Proposed stables and associated storage for personal use	
19.2.14	3/14/0235/FP	Maples, Cromer	Ground floor rear extension	
20.2.14	3/14/0305/LB - FP	Sandfords Wood End Ardeley	Change of use storage barn to annexe	
1.12.13	3/13/2048/FP	Bury Grange Farm, Ardeley	Demolition existing dwelling -replace	Granted
25.11.13	3/13/1881/FP	The Hollies, Moor Green Road	Single storey rear extension0	Granted
25.11.13	3/13/1869/FP	Greenoak, Ardeley	Concrete base for mobile field shelter	Granted
25.11.13	3/13/1974/FP	Willow House, Wood End	Erection of brick wall and gates	Refused
14.11.14	3/13/1988/FP	Marvells, Moor Green Road	Exchanging of elevations	Appeal
14.10.13	3/13/1755/FP	Kingswick, Cromer	Extensions and replacement garage	
22.8.13	3/13/1415/LB	Lime Tree Farm, Cromer	Replacement existing windows	Granted
16.8.13	3/13/1429/FP	The Close, Ardeley	Stable block, and arena	Granted
2.8.13	3/13/1347/FP	Park Cottage, Ardeley	Double garage, log store, home office	
18.8.13	3/13/1429/FP	Park Cottage, Ardeley	Construction of manage	Granted
19.7.13	3/13/1241/LB	The Old Bell Moor Green Road	Conversion of stables and carport to dwelling	Granted
16.7.13	3/13/1188/LB	Sandfords, Wood End	Demolish outbuilding and replace with disabled toilet and wet room plus glazed link	
28.6.13	3/13/1036/FP	Cromer Hall, Cromer	Extension to garage building and link to thatched stable	Granted
15.6.13	3/13/0844/LB	Rose Cottage, Cromer	Replace cement render with lime render, rebuild upper chimney	Granted
1.12.13	3/13/2048/FP	Bury Grange Farm, Ardeley	Demolition existing dwelling -replace	Granted
25.11.13	3/13/1881/FP	The Hollies, Moor Green Road	Single storey rear extension	Granted

### Thankyous

Finally, thank you to my fellow Councillors for their support during the past year and for the help from all parishioners, particularly Dave Beasely, Dave Mansfield and Chris Dawson.

### 4. FINANCE

The unaudited accounts for the year ending 31 March 2013 were before the meeting and noted.

### 5. OPEN SESSION

Cllr Jim Egginton was asked how often it was intended to carry out speed checking in Cromer. Cllr Egginton said it was hoped to be at weekly intervals with adjustment if the speed of the cars decreases or no-one is speeding. The only place the camera can be operated safely is the lay-by where the garage used to be.

A report was given that a couple of trees along the Ardeley-Moor Green road appeared to have chainsaw cuts in their trunks. Cllr Waygood said he would ask the landowner.

CCllr Ken Crofton asked that replacement or upgrading of play equipment be considered as there were grants available for this work. Agreed clerk to put request for suggestions in the next issue of the Parish magazine and also ask the Head of School for suggestions.

Noted that repair work to Moor Green road would hopefully take place in August/September when the great crested newts had left the area.

Cllr Jim Egginton said he did not know exactly where the parish boundaries were and asked the clerk to bring a map to the next parish council meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_