

**MINUTES OF ARDELEY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN ARDELEY VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018 AT 7.00 PM**

Councillors present: Cllr David Young, Chairman  
Cllr Adrian Waygood, Vice-Chairman  
Cllr Andrew Cannon  
Cllr Jim Egginton  
Cllr Stuart Norman  
Cllr Tim Noble

Cllr Ken Crofton – District & County Councillor

Officer attending: Laura Brooks-Payne, clerk  
Others present: 8 members of the public

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**2. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MAY 2017**

Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>TH</sup> May 2017 were signed By Cllr Young and accepted as correct.

**3. TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2017**

Cllr Noble asked why the standing orders were to be discussed in the second of our meetings this evening. The clerk explained that the reviews of policies and procedures should be in the annual meeting of the council and not within the Annual Parish Meeting.

**4. PARISH COUNCIL REVIEW OF THE YEAR**

**Cllr Young reported as follows :-**

Cllr Young welcomed parishioners and stated that the PC were always pleased that parishioners were interested in the work of the Parish council. The council has met 6 times this year, Cllr Young itemised under headings the many subjects discussed:

**FINANCE**

The Internal Auditor, Alan Herbert, has kept a friendly eye on the accounts and activities and the PC are grateful to him for this. It was agreed that our precept for the year 2018/19 should be kept at £6000.

**HIGHWAYS**

The condition of the roads is steadily getting worse. The District Council fill a few potholes yearly but more appear. We rely more and more on our District Cllr, Ken Crofton to help us on Highway matters.

**CROMER DRAINS**

Over the year some of the drains in Cromer High Street have been cleared, but become blocked once again.

**BYWAYS, BRIDLEWAYS & FOOTWAYS**

East Herts District Council keep the footpaths cleared. There is more work to do on the Old Bourne Bridleway before it can be used.

**VILLAGE POND**

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

**EASEMENTS**

There have been no easements requested this year.

**PLAYGROUND**

The PC organised to have a new double gate and fencing to be erected, now in situ. There is now a disabled gate into the playing field. Thanks go to Chris Dawson for keeping the grass cut.

**LITTER**

David Beasley regularly patrols the parish picking up litter.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

We have received 16 planning applications this year to comment on. Cllr Young briefly commented on the main applications.

**CHURCH FARM**

The PC are still awaiting a response from EHDC on the activities at Church Farm requiring planning applications.

**LAND EAST OF BLIND LANE**

There was outline planning application submitted to the EHDC for ten new dwellings, which has now been withdrawn.

**THANK YOU**

Cllr Young thanked fellow councillors for their support during the year. Ardeley is lucky to have parishioners that do much for the village and Cllr Young thanked them all, particularly David Beasley & Chris Dawson. Thanks also given to the clerk for her help over the last year.

**DRIVE SAFE**

A flashing speed sign has been put up in Cromer as a result of campaigning by the local residents and Ardeley PC

**ARDELEY BROOK**

The Environment Agency has walked the brook and report that the concrete weir needs to be removed and scrub at Cromer end of the brook needs clearing. They will speak with the riparian landowner.

**5. UPDATE ON THE LOCAL PLAN BY THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Crofton reported that the local plan inspector had reported and had made comments. EHDC now have a 6.2 years land supply for housing. This provides some protection in rural areas from excessive housing. We are all now familiar with the areas for potential new housing.

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident asked Cllr Crofton what 6.2 years land supply meant. Cllr Crofton explained that it has been worked out that EHDC have enough land allocated already, for new housing for 6.2 years.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

**Signed**

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**Date**

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**Clerk -** Laura Brooks-Payne