

## WEREHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING NOTES

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 8.00 pm

### Wereham Village Hall

#### Attendance:

Cllr Jo Bruce	JB	Chair
Cllr Brian Bruce		BB
Cllr Jacki Hitching		JH
Cllr Jonathon Ratsey		JR
Cllr Gail Koopowitz		GK
Cllr Pamela Walker		PW
Helen Richardson	HR	Parish Clerk

#### Members of the Public: 2

### 1.0 Welcome and Apologies

1.1 JB welcomed all and thanked those attending.

### 2.0 May 2016 Annual Parish Minutes

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising.

### 3.0 Chairman's Report (May 2016 – May 2017)

What have we managed to achieve over the last 12 months?

There were many things crossing over in to this year that are ongoing projects, things like the defibrillator, getting the pond wall repaired, applying for grants to replace the play area equipment & flooring.

Some of these items have been completed hence the training session we have received tonight for our new defibrillator. This project was 100% funded through the National Lottery so the village hasn't had to pay a penny towards things to date. We will manage its upkeep & maintenance moving forward so it's not something we purchased lightly but you can't put a price on a life!

There have been issues around the village with drainage, and one local resident's property nearly flooded in 2016. It's been a real battle to find out who was responsible & to try & seek help for those villagers affected. The culvert has been altered slightly to see if this improves flow & so far it seems to have worked. Of course with the weather as unpredictable nowadays as it is this is an issue that we need to continually monitor & is something we note whenever large planning applications hit our desks.

It may seem like a small improvement but Helen has worked hard to get an information sheet pulled together for residents so they know who to contact in the event of an issue like fly tipping, litter, uneven paths, road drains overflowing, etc. In the long term this should help to reduce the clerk's time as people start to take responsibility for things themselves.

Rest assured that as ever we are as focused on bringing in the best deal for the village at an ongoing price we can all afford. We do need to spend money to continue to enjoy where we live but we continue to run this village like any other successful business, by investing wisely.

I've purposely kept this years briefing short as we now have a full PC meeting to get through & it's tiring when we have so much to cover. So forgive me, next years will be a fuller account of what we have achieved, hopefully by then the new pond wall will be in place, a project which is close to my heart.

Finally, I'd just like to end my report by thanking all the various councillors & in particular members of the public for the voluntary work they've carried out around the village within the last 12 months. The cemetery bench has been restored, phone box painted, fencing repaired and floor tiles pressure washed to name but a few. It's saved the Parish Council and therefore villagers in turn £100's in labour costs, so well done and thank you. It's lovely to live in a community where people care about their surroundings and want to help make it a nicer place.

## **5.0 Public Concerns**

There were no public concerns raised.

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting:

Chair signed .....

Date.....