

MINUTES OF LITTLE YELDHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE YELDHAM ON TUESDAY, 19th MARCH 2019 AT 7.30PM

Present: Mr. K. R. Nott (Chairman)
Mr. W. P. Clayton
Mrs. A. L. Gardiner
Mr. M. Graham
Mrs. R. K. Marsh
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)
Mr. D. Finch (County Councillor)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. P. Gentry and Mrs. I. Parker

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 13th March 2018, were read by the Clerk, confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Mr. W. P. Clayton reported that the former telephone kiosk at North End had been converted into a library, which was being used.
There were no other matters arising.

4. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2019

It was decided not to enter the Best Kept Village Competition 2019.

5. GREAT YELDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

In the absence of Mrs. I. Parker no report was given.

6. LITTLE YELDHAM VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Mr. M. Graham reported that there were more regular bookings for both the Village Hall and the John Gardiner Room. The bank balance fluctuates but the balance is currently about £7 - £7,500. Lighting had been renewed in the hall, with the exception of the kitchen. Mr. Graham was thanked for his report.

7. BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Mrs. I. Parker had sent a written report and list of achievements, which was circulated and a copy accompanies these minutes as appendix one.

8. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. D. Finch reported on the following:

- a. The RAC survey of all local authorities with highway responsibilities, which showed a 45% reduction in potholes in Essex.
- b. A further 115,000 properties in Essex had been connected to broadband leaving only 3% of properties with no broadband.

(Note: Mr. Finch gave a full report at the following Parish Council Meeting)

9. PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. K. R. Nott reported on the following:

- a. The skips had been well used at Little Yeldham and North End, with few problems and will continue.
- b. It was hoped that County Broadband would expand in Little Yeldham.
- c. The former telephone kiosks had been repainted.
- d. The BDC Localism Grant had been phased out and ECC had awarded a grant towards grass and hedge cutting, resulting in a reduction in the parish precept.
- e. A new Doctor's Surgery will be built on the former Rippers site at Sible Hedingham.
- f. An application to build a new house in the grounds of Mygunya had been refused by BDC.
- g. An application to remove PD rights from the former LSA properties was pending.
- h. A useful site meeting had taken place with Mr. D. Finch when several highway issues had been successfully resolved.
- i. Terms of reference for Little Yeldham Planning Advisory Group had been approved and consideration of planning applications under the guidance of Mr. P. Gentry was working very well.
- j. Parish and District Council elections will take place on 2nd May.

The Chairman concluded his report by thanking Mr. D. Finch, Mrs. I. Parker, Mr. W. P. Clayton (Vice Chairman), all Councillors and the Clerk for all their work during the year. He particularly thanked Mr. Clayton (who will not be seeking re-election) for his long service and dedication. This was seconded by Mr. M. Graham and warmly supported. Mr. D. Finch added that Mr. Clayton's service was unique and he had exercised great perseverance to get work done in Little Yeldham in a gentlemanly and friendly way.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm and was followed by a Parish Council Meeting at 8pm.

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(Chairman)