

**MINUTES OF OVINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT UPPER FARM, OVINGTON ON TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 2017 AT 8 PM.**

**PRESENT:** Mr. K. R. Nott (Chairman)  
Mr. P. E. Pawsey  
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr. D. Finch, Mrs. I. Parker and Mr. M. Lewin

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The minutes of the previous Ovington Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th March 2016, were read by the Clerk, confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

It was reported that the missing letter 'N' on the Ovington sign at Tilbury Road had been reinstated. There were no other matters arising.

4. **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2017**

It was resolved not to enter Ovington for the Best Kept Village Competition 2017.

5. **BELCHAMP ST. PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT**

In the absence of a School Governor no report was given.

6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME REPORT**

In the absence of Mr. M. Lewin no report was given. A local hare coursing incident was reported.

7. **AIRFIELD JOINT ACTION GROUP REPORT**

Mr. P. E. Pawsey reported that he had represented the Parish Council at an Airfield Liaison Meeting held at Ashen Village Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016, which had been arranged by BDC and chaired by Mrs. I. Parker. A planning application by EGC is awaited. No progress had been made regarding the distribution of surplus AJAG funds in case they are required for future use.

8. **BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

A written report from Mrs. I. Parker was circulated.

9. **ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

A written report from Mr. D. Finch was circulated. Mr. P. E. Pawsey enquired about ECC support for Broadband. Sadly ECC seems to have lost interest in the very rural areas and the Chairman suggested writing to the M.P.

10. PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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

- a. The skip was well supported and residents desired to continue to have a skip.
- b. Broadband in Ovington was very poor with no support from ECC.
- c. The Chairman thanked Mr. Pawsey for arranging grass and hedge cutting in Ovington.
- d. The Localism Fund is being reduced with a view to being phased out in about three years. The PC precept had been increased to meet the reduction in the Localism grant.
- e. It was resolved to make no comment in connection with a recent planning application relating to Donkey House.
- f. The new street name of 'CHURCH LANE' had been approved by BDC and all relevant authorities notified. Notwithstanding this the driver of the BDC refuse lorry had not been able to find Church Lane on a couple of occasions recently.
- g. The Chairman thanked Mr. P. E. Pawsey, Mr. D. Finch, Mrs. I. Parker and Mr. A. Corder-Birch for all their work for Ovington through the year.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Pawsey and Mr. Nott reported the following highway defects:

- a. The 'TO ASHEN' fingerpost opposite the Ashen Road junction, which had been knocked down and reported over a year ago had not been reinstated.
- b. Three bad potholes in Church Lane, which had been reported several times and marked with paint on at least three occasions still need repairing.
- c. Two pot holes had recently appeared on the road between Tilbury Juxta Clare and Ovington.

The Clerk agreed to report the above defects to ECC Highways.

There was no other business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

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(Chairman)