

MINUTES OF OVINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT UPPER FARM, OVINGTON ON TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2019 AT 8 PM

PRESENT: Mr. K. R. Nott (Chairman)
Mr. P. E. Pawsey
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)
Mrs. I. Parker (District Councillor)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr. D. Finch and Mr. M. Lewin

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

The minutes of Ovington Annual Parish Meeting held on 6th March 2018, were read by the Clerk, confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

4. **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2019**

It was resolved not to enter Ovington for the Best Kept Village Competition 2019.

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

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

6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME REPORT**

There were no Neighbourhood Watch issues to raise.

7. **AIRFIELD JOINT ACTION GROUP REPORT**

Mr. P. E. Pawsey reported that the new person at Essex Gliding Club was being very co-operative. Mrs. I. Parker had offered to arrange a Ridgewell Airfield Liaison meeting, but only Mr. R. Purchas, Q.C., and Mr. P. E. Pawsey had requested a meeting and there was little demand from other parishes. However Mrs. Parker agreed to arrange a meeting, which will probably take place in the clubroom at the airfield.

8. **BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

Mrs. I. Parker reported on the following:

- a. The BDC budget, grants and increase in Council Tax.
- b. The retention of business rates was under review.
- c. BDC was trying to raise income from commercial activities
- d. Half a million pounds has been set aside for planning appeals
- e. The BDC tourism plan
- f. Statement of community involvement – particularly how BDC consults Parish Councils upon planning applications.
- g. Essex Police numbers are to be increased by over 200 officers.
- h. The BDC Councillor Grant scheme

Mrs. Parker was thanked for her report and for attending the meeting.

9. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

In the absence of Mr. D. Finch no report was given.

10. PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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

- a. The skip was well used, was full and no problems were encountered.
- b. Broadband in Ovington continued to be very poor, with no support from County Broadband and other options were being looked at.
- c. The telephone kiosk at Ovington, which is a listed building, owned by the Parish Council, had been painted.
- d. The BDC Localism Fund had been phased out but the PC had received a grant from ECC towards grass and hedge cutting costs.
- e. 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 reported that the condition of Ovington Notice Board had deteriorated and needs replacing. It was agreed to provide a new parish notice board and to locate it in the telephone kiosk for protection from the weather. Mr. Pawsey agreed to obtain a quote and to apply to Mrs. Parker for funds from the BDC Councillor Grant scheme.

It was reported that the direction sign at Donkey Corner requires renovation and the Clerk agreed to report this to ECC Highways.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

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(Chairman)