

Woodham Mortimer With Hazeleigh Parish Council

MINUTES - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 14 April 2015

Held at Woodham Mortimer Village Hall 8.00pm on

In attendance

Parish Councillors: Pauline McDonald (Chair)(PM), Kim McDonald (KM), Andrew Macmorland (AM), Kim Broadhurst (KB), Stephen Pemberton (SP)

District Cllr Henry Bass

Andrew Ritchings (AR: Clerk to the Council recording proceedings)

Four members of the public were in attendance.

1.15 APM Apologies for Absence

County Cllr Penny Channer, District Cllr Mark Durham, Cllr Ian Spurr, Sholto & Elspeth Morten

2.15 APM Minutes of previous Annual Parish Meeting 2014

The minutes of the 2014 Annual Parish Meeting held on 08 April were proposed by KM and seconded by AM as a true record of events, agreed by all present and duly signed by the Chairman

3.15 APM Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked members of the public for their attendance. She noted and welcomed the fact that the Council had maintained a consistent period throughout the previous year of a full contingent of seven Parish Councillors following a protracted period where it had been difficult to fill the one vacant position.

The Council had discussed and resolved many issues over the past 12 months but remained frustrated that some matters were proving difficult to resolve such as further speed limit extensions along parts of the A414 and Fambridge Road, persistent flooding and verge problems in Lodge Road and recent highway/flooding disputes associated with the Royal Oak Quarry. However the Council would maintain a tenacious approach keeping pressure on those responsible and the persons at various authority departments who are able to respond to the problems for the benefit of the community.

4.15 APM Village Hall Representative's Report

The Village Hall Committee had experienced a quiet year and was unable for the first year in quite some time not to schedule the ever popular Burns Night, this was due to the usual Piper's services being demanded elsewhere. However it was anticipated the event would return in 2016. An alternative social 'Cheese wine and quiz night' was arranged in April 2015.

5.15 APM Falklands Trust Representative's Report

There was no report available from the Falklands Trust Representative.

6.15 APM Church Representative's Report

There was no report available from the Church Representative.

7.15 APM Open public forum

A parishioner had attended the meeting from Woodham Mortimer raising Cllrs awareness of the recent continued dewatering from the Royal Oak Quarry into the Thrift Wood brook. It appears the pumping of water has been set at specific time during the night. The subject had been raised at the last Liaison Group meeting back in October 2014 where operators had insisted water had not been pumped from the site. The Chairman asked if photographic evidence and specific dates of pumping could be passed to the Council so they could address matters with the operators at the next meeting due in May. The Chairman would contact Simon Chaffe the representative for the operators Danbury Aggregates and notify him of the dewatering reports.

Another resident had reported that they had raised an issue with respect to a missing B1010 road sign along the Golf Driving Range sign which had disappeared in September 2013 when they had been assured the sign would be reinstated. At the time the missing sign had been logged on the Essex Highways website and the resident would forward the Enquiry Number to the Clerk for following up on behalf of the Council.

Other members of the public attended wishing to express their concerns with respect to a recent Planning Application in Post Office Road for new dwellings at Colts Pightle. They had particular concerns with respect to adequate drainage proposals, waste disposal system, insufficient parking allowance, overdevelopment and the removal of old longstanding trees. Cllrs advised the attendees that anyone wishing to submit comments of either concern, disapproval or support should do so to Maldon District Council as the Planning Authority. The Council thanked the attendees for expressing their concerns and raising various aspects of the application and would be submitting their own representation in due course.

Actions *Chairman to report dewatering issues to Simon Chaffe
Parishioner to provide Clerk with EH enquiry No.*

8.15 APM Meeting Closure

Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting

..... *Simon Brady* (Simon Brady Chairman to the Council)

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