

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, BRINTON
Held on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 6.15pm in Sharrington Village Hall

Present: Cllr D Hyslop (Chair), Cllr R Hyslop, Cllr S. Gray
 District Cllr Andrew Brown
 Linda Jennings – Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllr O’Kane

Attendance: 15 members of the public

The meeting was opened at 6.15pm by Cllr D Hyslop (Chair) who welcomed all to the meeting.

1. (a) To approve the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 18th May 2023 – these were approved and signed by the Chair at the Parish Council meeting on 13th July 2023.

(b) To consider matters arising from the minutes - none

2. Chairman’s Report

The Chair thanked all the councillors for their attendance and past councillors, Claire Rivett, Michele Bishop and especially Peter North for his long service and wished him a speedy recovery. The Chair also thanked Sarah for standing in as a locum parish clerk and thanked Linda the current Parish Clerk. She also thanked District Councillor Brown for attending all the meetings and for his advice and support.

The Chair thanked Mr and Cllr O’Kane for cutting the grass and keeping Jubilee Corner tidy, and other Parishioners for cutting grass areas. She thanked Michele Bishop and The Friends of Brinton for their work in Brinton.

The Chair reported Councillors had attended whole Council training. The Parish Council continues to support both Churchyards and local publications for both Villages. The Parish Council Open Evening held in January received positive feedback.

The Chair informed the meeting that Brinton Parish Council continues to report Highways matters to Norfolk County Council and also continues to give comments on Planning Applications to North Norfolk District Council’s Planning Department. Cllr O’Kane and the Chair continue their dialogue with the Albanwise estate and to follow up on Parishioner’s requests regarding more hedge planting, clearing of ponds and walks within the Parish. Recent discussions with the estate have proved positive and the estate have suggested a further meeting/discussion with the Chair in 2025. Suggestions for areas for further hedge planting and walks were invited from Parishioners. Work on clearing areas of the north pond on Ashyard will start in the Autumn this year.

The Chair explained that the Parish Council now adds the Campaign for Rural England (CPRE) ‘dark skies policy’ to all Planning Applications.

The Parish Council has worked hard to get Sharrington included in the Glaven Valley Conservation Area, joining Brinton. The document was adopted by NNDC in January this year. Cllr Brown was thanked for his support.

3. Reports by Village Organisations covering their activities

All Saints Church - A Churchwarden outlined to the parish meeting that Sharrington held a regular Sunday service at 9.30am. The PCC had raised funds of £1200 over the year and everyone who had supported the Church was thanked. The Churchwarden also thanked all those who helped produce information and supported the 700th anniversary which led to a four-page article in the KL magazine. This article has led to the Norfolk Church tours using the church. Coffee mornings are held, and the PCC are grateful to the Village Hall committee for their support and the Parish Council for the Grant. The next event at the Church will be a concert on Saturday 22nd June 2024.

Village Hall –The Village Hall Trustees reported that hirings continue to be busy and that events are well supported. He thanked everyone who supported the Village Hall by name. Improvements to the Village Hall include Wi-Fi, card machine for card payments and their planning application to install solar panels is awaiting a decision by NNDC. A local theatre group has now based themselves at the Village Hall. The Christmas Fair will be held as usual. He thanked the Defibrillator Committee and residents for raising funds for the Defibrillator, which the Village Hall has taken over.

St Andrew's Church – This year the grass cutting has been to mow paths only and to leave the rest for wildlife and wildflowers. 60 species of wildflower have been identified. The Churchyard is maintained by a working party with help from students at Gresham's. Many of the headstones have been re-laid and two Parishioners have documented all of the graveyard.

The Friends of Brinton – A member informed the meeting The Friends are a small community charity whose subscriptions help to maintain various village amenities including the Village Clock, the Defibrillator and Nine Holes. They received a sustainability grant towards a defibrillator which is installed in the Village Phone box. The Harvest Supper was held at Sharrington Village Hall. A successful Christmas wreath workshop was held in the Church. The next event will be with Briningham, providing teas at Stody Gardens on 24 May. An update was given on Nine Holes.

4. Public questions, comments, representations and discussions

A Parishioner reported potholes on Thornage Road, these have been reported. As most of the public had issues with potholes the Clerk explained the process that highways use. Questions were also asked if a road could be resurfaced.

A parishioner asked when interested parties could apply to become Parish Councillors. The Chairman reported that the Council is still waiting to hear from the District Council.

5. Date, Time and Place of next Annual Parish Meeting – to be confirmed

There being no further business to attend to and the meeting closed at 6.56pm

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