

## PARISH of STOW BEDON & BRECKLES

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday, 21 May 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

**Present** Jonathan White (Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council), and 7 residents  
Julian Gibson (Clerk)

*In the absence of the Chairman of the Parish Council the Vice-Chairman took the Chair.*

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** Lee Pilkington (Chairman of the Parish Council) and Phil Cowen (resident and District Councillor).
- 2 **Minutes.** The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday, 15 May 2017 were **confirmed** and **signed**.
- 3 **Matters arising.** None.
- 4 **Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council.** The Chairman reported on the activities of the Council for the past year. The Council met nine times, considering 15 planning applications and received over 100 items of correspondence. Last year's meeting had been held in St Botolph's Church, but although the Council had given this a good run, it had found that it really was not suitable for a business meeting, mainly because of the acoustics, so regretfully had decided to return to Caston Village Hall. The Chairman said that when the future planned work was completed this decision would be reconsidered. He thanked Dawn Jessett for her work in producing the report on the Village Appraisal, saying that this would be used to influence future Council decisions. Much time had been spent on Planning Applications, where the Council believed that it had, sometimes, successfully persuaded Breckland to agree with its views. The Council continues to press Norfolk County Council to maintain the highways in a decent state, and had eventually persuaded them to clear the blocked gullies and conduits outside Breckles Church, so eliminating a flooding issue. The Council has obtained a grant from NCC for a SAM2 (Speed Awareness Message) device, and this would soon be appearing in various locations in Mere Road and Lower Stow Bedon. He also mentioned broadband provision, and the final Grant from the Government's Transparency Fund. Finally he thanked the Clerk for his work during the year.
- 5 **Report of the County Councillor.** Norfolk County Councillor Fabian Eagle was not present for this Meeting, but had made a detailed report of the activities of his council available.
- 6 **Report of the District Councillor.** Norfolk County Councillor Phil Cowen was not present, but had made a detailed report of the activities of his council available.
- 7 **Stow Bedon PCC.** Church Warden Beryl Warren gave a report the past year, which saw nine main services in the newly reordered church. The highlight of the year was the Blossom & Yarn Festival when 2,221 visitors came though the doors in just four days. Finally she said that the architect had been instructed to draw up plans for Phase 3 of the restoration, to install a toilet, storage cupboard and a servery, which it was anticipated would cost in the region of £90,000.
- 8 **Breckles PCC.** Church Warden Karen Allen reported on activities at St Margaret's, was not present, but had made a detailed report of the activities at the church available.
- 9 **Stow Bedon Fuel Allotment.** Phil Childs, Chairman of the Trustees of the Charity presented the annual report. This will be available on the Parish Council website.
- 10 **Stow Bedon Village Hall Fund.** The Chairman presented the Charity's Annual Report, which will be available on the Parish Council website.
- 11 **Any other business.** A resident thanked everybody involved with the planning and organisation of the Royal Wedding celebration party the previous Saturday, which some 40+ residents attended. In particular she thanked Councillor Eagle and the Parish Council for

providing grants to cover the cost of hiring the portalo. Suggestions were made that a similar event (if for a different reason) would be welcomed

**Confirmed:**

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**Dawn Jessett, Meeting Chairman**

20 May 2019