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Chairman: K Owen

Clerk: Mrs J Weaver

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Dullingham Parish Council held in The Taylor Hall, Dullingham at 8.00pm on Thursday 19th May 2016

Present:- Parish Councillors K Owen (Chair), Cllrs Mardon, Morley, Parkins and T Owen
County Councillor Shutler and District Councillor Morris
J Weaver (Clerk to the Parish Council)
David Bredin

1. Apologies for absence

Parish Councillors R Algar and M Robertson

2. Approval of Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 21st May 2015

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21st May 2015 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

3. Reports from the County and District Councillors

District Councillor Morris gave his report (copy attached).

Cllr Shuter reported that the County Council had increased council tax by 2%, this was due to the adult social care bill increasing, this decision had been reached following a 12 hour meeting.

Superfast Broadband was now at reasonable levels, however, speeds still needed to be increased in outline areas of villages in the county. Work was currently taking place on copper lines to increase speeds.

Bottisham Village College was increasing to 10 forms of entry and expanding by a quarter. The school is currently oversubscribed and following the expansion all children from Bottisham should be able to be secure places at the school.

Speed Watch was being reviewed in conjunction with the Police and would be enforced following the completion of the LHII works.

Cllr Shuter explained that he had requested that additional consideration should be given for the Dullingham area with regards to winter road gritting, as it has a tendency to be a cooler climate than Cambridge.

On the subject of Devolution Cllr Shuter stated that the Government was now considering a Cambridgeshire / Peterborough and a Norfolk / Suffolk deal and it was felt that this was more likely to be approved.

4. Report from the Parish Council Chairperson, K Owen

Cllr K Owen reported that he had been re-elected as Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and that Cllr S Mardon had been elected as Vice-Chairman.

Cllr K Owen thanked members of the Council for their work over the year.

Cllr K Owen informed those present that Cllr T Owen had stated his intention to resign as a Parish Councillor and he thanked Cllr Owen for all his years of service as a Parish Councillor. One vacancy now existed which would be advertised in due course.

Cllr K Owen presented a copy of the Annual Report for 2015/16 (copy attached).

The resident in attendance, David Bredin stated he was disappointed that no members of the Parish Council were able to take part in a forthcoming debate on the EU Referendum that he had organised at the Ellesmere Centre. The Chairman supported by the County and District Councillors explained to him that this was due to perdah which prevented Parish Council levels of local government taking part in any kind of debate regarding the subject of forthcoming elections in a set period before the election takes place. Members of the Parish Council felt they were tided for all the wrong reasons but had to abide by perdah.

The formal part of the meeting closed at 8.43pm

Signed

Dated

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