

# **DULLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**held on Thursday 21st MAY 2015 commencing at 8.20pm at the TAYLOR HALL**

Present: Parish Councillors K Owen (Chair), G Parkins, T. Owen, S Mardon and M Robertson, County Councillor M Shuter, District Councillor C Morris, Rob Algar, Richard Morley, Linda Dicker (Ellesmere Centre) and Y Rix (Clerk to the Parish Council).

### 1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr J Armour.

### 2. Approval of Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

### 3. 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. He continued to report that specific responsibilities of Councillors would remain the same for the time being. Cllr K Owen thanked the members of the Council for their work over the year.

### 4. Reports from the County and District Councillors

District Councillor Morris gave his report (copy attached). He informed those present that the District Council would be looking to improve recycling results further and would be running a prize draw to encourage residents to recycle more.

Cllr Shuter reported that the County Council has to make enormous savings again this year of around 30 million. Savings will also be required next year. It is likely that some front line services will now need to be cut, which could include the reduction in the hours that street lights are operational and winter road gritting. He 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 a cooler climate than Cambridge. County Council staffing and salary levels are being reviewed.

Superfast Broadband should be going live in June 2015. There has been a delay for the village due to water ingress into channels and wayleaves. Those on different networks may be unable to get Superfast Broadband as not all providers are prepared to carry out the necessary upgrades to their systems. Due to a Government grant, many roads have now been resurfaced. Drivers should observe the 20ph recommended speed limit when travelling along resurfaced roads.

The Boundary Commission Review for Cambridgeshire County Council has recommended a reduction in the number of councillors from 69 to 61. This will have little or no impact on the Dullingham Villages.

Cllr Shuter continued by expressing the need for the Parish Council and residents to get involved with the decision making for the upgrade of the Street Lights by the County Council. He then apologised for the problems caused by the introduction of car parking charges at the Cambridge Park and Rides. These are now working well, with an increasing number using the online facilities.

Cllr Shuter reported that he has been elected as District Councillor for Cheveley and suggested that Parish Councils should liaise with District Councillors if they decide to apply for major funding through the CIL scheme.

Cllr K Owen thanked Cllr Morris and Cllr Shuter for attending the meeting and for their reports.

Linda Dicker on behalf of the Ellesmere Centre presented the attached report.

Cllr K Owen informed those present that all Councillors had been re-elected to the Parish Council and that two vacancies remained.

The formal part of the meeting closed at 9 pm.

Signed

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