

**Minutes of Poslingford Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting
Annual General Meeting**

Date 3rd May 2017.

Present: Cllrs Jim Rucklidge, Marc Allison, Samantha Fewell
CC Mary Evans, BC Peter Stevens, and Chris Turner -Clerk
One member of the public.
Cllr Martin England arrived later.
Meeting chaired by Vice Chairman Jim Rucklidge

1. Apologies for absence- Cllr England-Stuck in traffic, Cllr June Mansfield-
2. Election of Chairman- Cllr England had stated he was happy to continue as Chairman, all in favour. Cllr Rucklidge to continue as Vice Chairman.
3. County Councillor Mary Evans report-The recent reports on education shows a good rise by the County now 55th out of 151. Ipswich also has achieved full university status. The County still suffers from the funding formula for education it was hoped that rural counties would have benefitted from recent changes but this has not been the case. With regard to Highways issues there is now a new "lighting" team as well as "Drainage" team. However locally the village has had problems with the recent road closure causing delays and frustration. This was work undertaken by Derek Nicholls on behalf of Anglian Water. The road was closed for longer than necessary work had been finished but the road remained closed. People who could use the road had to wait longer than the 15 mins stipulated. Mary promised to send information so we can lodge a complaint.
4. Borough Councillor Peter Stevens report- From 2019 the intention of St Eds BC is to amalgamate fully with Forest Heath to form a West Suffolk Council, joining forces should bring about cost savings which is a necessity. The Council can balance their books up to 2020 following the budget setting that has taken place. Peter would hope to keep our village profile high and does have funds available via his locality budget, if required.
5. Police Report- None available
6. Minutes of our last meeting. Agreed they were a true reflection of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Allison, Seconded Cllr Fewell. Unsure where we stand regarding the steps to the War Memorial, have we received a quote? Havebury Housing are stalling on the sale of land it appears more money may be required. Cllr England has had some revised plans drawn up with a smaller building but until the costs of land is known little further action can be taken. Grass cutting has started but the piece of land housing our new bin has been missed, clerk to chase contractor.
7. Financial Report- i) accounts for the year to 31st March had been completed and had been sent to the Councillors. The accounts had been audited by our Internal Auditor and all confirmed they were in order. ii) The Annual Return Part 1 was completed the clerk(RFO) asking the appropriate questions. The statement was signed by acting chairman Jim

Rucklidge and by the clerk. iii)The amended fixed asset register was also agreed. It was agreed that a risk analysis should be typed and signed off annually. iv)Cheques for signing were agreed and signed by Cllrs Rucklidge and Allison. V)The statement of our finances for the period 1st April 2017 to 3rd May 2017 were agreed.

8. Highways- There had been complaints about delays in re-opening The Street following work undertaken by contractors, Derek Nichols, Mr Simon Jeggo who was present at the meeting explained the difficulties he had experienced.

9 AOB- A number of rats had been seen in the village probably from the ditches, the clerk will have a word with St Edmundsbury BC to see if anything can be done. Some of the footpaths were in need of cutting, Suffolk CC will not add any cuts, Cllr Fewell will speak to the farmer concerned.

10. Future Meeting dates- Clerk to e-mail Councillors with suggested dates, next one due early Sept unless an EGM is needed.

C Turner-Clerk