



HEVENINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Meeting** held on **Monday 11th April 2016** at 7.50 pm
at St. Margaret Church, Heveningham

Members: Cllr. S. Newby (Chairman) Cllr. S. Fairs Cllr. D. Lankester
Cllr. S. Morphey Cllr. C. Fairs Cllr. G. Lee
Also present: K. Forster - Clerk to the Council and 3 member of the public.

1/16 Apologies: There were no apologies for the meeting

2/16 Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the APM on 13th May 2015 were presented. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**

3/16 Chairmans Speech

The Chairman welcomed the people who had attended the meeting. He began his speech by expressing sadness on behalf of the Parish Council on hearing of the death of Cllr. Michael Bryanton who passed away a few weeks ago. The chairman stated that it was well known the significant role that Cllr Bryanton had played in the village and on the parish council and that he would be missed.

The Chairman continued by looking forward to the next year and the planned work at Bell Meadow, which, when it was cleared and reinstated as a recreation area, would serve as a lovely community area and protect the land from any future development.

4/16 Address by the Reverend Tony Norton:

The Reverend Tony Norton thanked the council for the invitation to address the meeting. He had been unaware that meetings were being held in the church. He will be retiring at the end of the year and said that there would be changes ahead as there would be less clergy available. Heveningham PCC is desperately short of money and that there are a number of items that need repair, as well as the day to day running costs. Currently there is only £120 in the current account. He was sorry to say but this and the shortage of clergy will impact the life of the church.

5/16 Open Forum

V. Milner-Smith stated that there were a number of people commenting on the plans for Bell Meadow and had concerns regarding noise, the siting of any play equipment, the possibility of people going into the allotments and possible parking problems. The Chairman clarified that there will be strong fencing around the area, that the play equipment will be small and located away from the roads and the houses. The plan for the area is to clear it of the brambles, tidy up hedges and site benches so that the community could walk around or sit and enjoy the area.

It was agreed that any plans will be put on notice boards for the village to comment. The initial work to clear and tidy the area, prior to any play equipment being installed, is being discussed in the council meeting and the results will be published in the minutes.

The Reverend Norton then asked about the Glebe, explaining it was parochial owned land and that maybe one day the Diocese might wish to develop it. A number of councillors stated that they believed that it was a protected piece of land and cannot be developed.

Meeting closed at 7:54pm

Karen Forster

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