

TRIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF TRIMINGHAM **HELD ON MONDAY 20TH MAY, 2019 AT 7.00 PM** **IN TRIMINGHAM HALL, TRIMINGHAM**

Present:-

Chairman – Cllr. T. Brown, Cllr. E. Boatman, Cllr. P. Carpmael,
Cllr. C. Harrison, Cllr. E. King, Cllr. S. Kirk and Cllr. T. Lyons.

District Councillor A. Fitch-Tillett.

Julie Chance PSLCC – Clerk.

Thirteen members of the public also attended the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor E. Maxfield.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14TH MAY, 2018

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2018, having been circulated, were taken as read, **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Attached.

4. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

No reports received.

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5. **QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None received.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.10 pm.

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Chairman

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Date

Trimingham Parish Council

Chairman's Annual report

2018/19 has been another busy year for the council.

We continue to meet every 2 months and discuss many items that concern the day to day running of this small community.

Notable events through 2018/19:

- We continue to get our verges cut and have to say, when compared to other villages around us, we look very tidy. We think this is very important for the village and we will continue to manage this during the coming year.
- Your chairman maintains his participation in the NNDC Coastal forum meetings, and as a Community Volunteer representative on the Norfolk Coast Partnership, the organisation that looks after our cherished AONB status. Through the NCP we are still making an effort to classify the new hall as a dark skies site. This is proving difficult because the hall external lighting does not conform to the dark sky requirements. However, we will continue our discussions.
- We continue to report the pot holes which are endemic on our roads and get these repaired.
- The finances for the parish council are in good order. See copies of the accounts available today.
- Police coordination and reporting. Two representatives from this council continue to attend the SNAP panels meetings at North Lodge Park every two months and I have to say that this certainly reinforces the view that we live in a very 'safe' area of the county/country.
- Resilience planning
- Pursuing planning issues
- The annual audit of the assets that the village owns (benches/notice boards etc) has been carried out. Some do require attention and a program of remedial work will be prepared.
- Village playing field. It was agreed at a previous meeting that we would discuss with the Harrison family the possibility of swapping the playing field for a piece of land close to the new hall. Apart from the occasional bird watcher and a very few residents, the playing field is not used. Rather than it being an asset it is a liability as we have to pay to have the grass cut. The land offered is somewhat smaller than the playing field but as it is adjacent to the hall we could get much better use from it. We await a decision from the Harrison family.
- The bench to be sited close to the village sign will be installed very soon. Our thanks to Danny Gotts for the re-siting of the coast map beside the church wall, and for his continuing support of the village.
- Poor land. During this year a parcel of land has been identified (opposite Bizewell Farm) that belongs to the Council but had 'fallen' from our agenda. Some emergency work on some trees was carried out a few months ago as they were diseased and in danger of falling into the road. What we do with this land ongoing is being discussed and will be reported to future meetings.

Trimingham Hall

We come to the end of our first year of operation, and it has to be said that this year has been very successful. We have managed generate and excess of income over expenditure, and this excess will be placed in reserve for maintenance or other contingency requirements.

Please check the web site to get a full picture of the activities currently taking place at the hall - trimingham.org. All the work undertaken at this venue is carried out by volunteers and further help is needed. If you would like to join the Trimingham Volunteer group please contact any of the Trust or management team.

Pilgrim Shelter.

Discussions about what happens to this iconic building are ongoing. Your chairman has had meetings with several people from different organisations (NNDC /Architectural Grant fund and others) in an endeavour to identify a suitable ongoing use for this building. The latest discussion has been with a Commercial agent from Watson Estate office who suggests that the building could have many uses, coffee shop, artists' studio, commercial office, and we would need to advertise to get a suitable client. Other options include refurbishing and renting as a holiday cottage or to sell the property. Your council is considering all options.

The Shelter has been confirmed as one of the Discovery Information Points on the Deep History Coast trail and planning permission for a change of use of the outside area by NNDC is presently going forward. However, whilst this will improve the profile of the shelter it will not generate income for the building. Therefore options as described above have to be investigated. It was hoped that the work around the Shelter would be completed by June. As this has been agreed with NNDC, we have committed to give them at least 2 years before we would consider the building being sold.

Community Housing.

This subject has been developed over the year and a Steering Group from local residents formed. During the coming year we hope a decision will be made to form a Community Land Trust which will enable us to push this process forward. We are talking of no more than 10 or 12 community houses, and the Community Land Trust will have control of the freehold of any land purchased, and will have total control of who rents the properties. These houses would be intended solely for those with a direct connection to the village but who cannot afford to rent or purchase on the open market. The houses would be built and managed by a Housing Association in conjunction with our Community Land Trust.

I would like to finish by thanking my fellow Councillors, and also our clerk, Julie, for her continued good work in keeping us on a straight and legal course.

Terry Brown

Chair

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