

MAUTBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
26 May 2021 at 7 00pm in RUNHAM VILLAGE HALL

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Wednesday 26 May 2021 at 7 00pm in the Runham Village Hall.

PRESENT PCllr Gay, PCllr Searle, PCllr Bishop, PCllr Hodgson, PCllr Bayfield & PCllr Lamb, CCllr Grant, BCllr Thompson, members of the public and the Clerk Mrs Weymouth ..

The Chairman reminded those present to follow the government guidelines on social distancing, etc.....

Due to Covid there hadn't been a APM in May 2020, so the Minutes will cover 2 years.

1.APOLOGIES

PC May & PC Potter other commitments

Rock Solid & the Bowls Club – John Poulter unable to attend due to the Bowls Club meeting tonight.

Runham Church & Poorsland – Mrs Walsh unable to attend but will sent in reports.

Choir & Violin Lessons – Ms Brooks unable to attend but sent in a report.

Crochet Group – unable to attend

2.MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting which was held on the 29 May 2019 had been approved at the July 2019 Parish Council meeting. Copies of these Minutes were viewed on the projector.

APM May 2020 was not held due to the covid pandemic, all as government guidance.

The Chairman asked the members of the public had they any questions on the Minutes – there were none.

3.MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Dealt with at July 2019 PC meeting

4.CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman gave the following report:

There had been one Parish Councillors resignations due to other commitments and PC Hewitt was co-opted onto the PC.

A big thank you to the PCllrs for all their work and support over the last two years.

If PCllrs had an interest on an item on the Agenda they have always declared them.

The PC website is being updated by PCllr Bayfield on a regular basis.

2019 Mins

Runham Footpath

AW Sewerage scheme with OFWAT permission would not commence until 2027.

Mautby War Memorial refurbishment

VH updated electrical works carried out

VH ceiling did not need any remedial works carried out

GYBC FOC planter sited in The Street

BT kiosks refurbished – Runham by parishioners and the Mautby defib works were carried out by an adjacent neighbour – so thanks to them

Runham defibrillator owned and maintained by EEAS is sited on the wall outside the VH, then it was moved to the Runham BT kiosk, Sparky Services carried out the electrical works FOC.

The bi-monthly Defib checks are being carried out by PCllr Bayfield.

Mautby Defibrillator bought by the PC, the electrical works was carried out by Sparky

Services FOC. The bi-monthly defib checks are being carried out by the adjacent neighbour.

Thanks to them for carrying out this very important work, all the bi check paperwork is being kept by the PC in case there is an incident.

Parish Council Standing Order & Financial Regs have been approved by GYBC Monitoring Officer.

Side boundary between the VH and the Old School House - the PC has erected a wooden fence.

2020-21 Mins

A care farm has opened in Mautby in a NCS farm, known as Edford Farm there was an offer for the PC to visit them to see the work they are providing, but the PC thought they ought to be in operation for a time before they had a visit.

No meeting held in March 2020 do to the virus

7.20 Standing Orders amended to allow zoom meeting to take place during the lockdown.

Asset Register updated

Audit – Annual statement and Governance Statements for y/e 31.3.20 were signed off

Dog bins provided and maintained by BCllr Thompson, these are providing a good service.

VH & Old School House sewerage – an investigation was carried out and it has been proved each property has its own sewerage system.

Care for parishioners during the lockdown.....

Metal cabinet purchased to store old PC documents in the VH

NCC looked into realigning the parish boundaries

Purchased 2 recycled plastic planters outside the VHall – thanks of PCllr Hewitt for removing the old ones and siting them

VG uneven ground – this work will be carried out in the new financial year NO QUOTE FROM STEVE.

VG trees to be crown lifted in the new financial year – NO QUOTE FROM STEVE.

Funding for the PC from GYBC has remained the same for the last 5 years being £6110 which includes the maintenance of the three churchyards and the VG, insurance and PClerks salary.

NCC requested to carry out maintenance work on FP10, BR17 & BR18

Website to be upgraded in new financial year

Surface water coming from Thrigby corner running down onto the VG – this has been investigated.

Lacon Corner grass triangle has been roped off as it has been damaged by vehicles running over it.

SAM sign installed on 5 May 2021 it is sited adjacent to the Council Houses, in a months time it will be moved adjacent to Barn Lane. Big thanks to the PCllr Hewitt, Lamb & Mr Bullient for carrying out this work.

Asset Register updated to include SAM sign, planters and metal cabinet.

Million trees for Norfolk – this is a NCC project the trees are free and anyone can apply. NCS are siting additional trees on their land.

We have dealt with a number of planning applications.

Parishioners are welcomed to all our meetings and their input is valuable because we are working on their behalf.

5. PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2020

The Chairman informed the meeting the Parish Council Accounts year ending 31 March 2020 the internal audit and the audit has been carried out. Copies of the Audit statements had been put online and on the PC website. A financial statement covering that period is available on request.

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2021

The Chairman reported the PC Accounts for year ending 31 March 2021 and had an internal audit carried out. The Audit Statements will be considered at the APCM this evening, once approved they will be put on the PC website.

The Accounts file was available for anyone to view. A Notice will be displayed on the Parish Council Notice boards advising parishioners they can have a copy of the Accounts or arrange an appointment to view the Accounts.

6. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS & ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS FROM VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS IN RUNHAM & MAUTBY & THRIGBY POORS & TOWNSLANDS TRUSTS AT RUNHAM

ST PETER & ST PAUL RUNHAM CHURCH

Mrs Walsh unable to attend, but sent in the following report:

This report covers the period from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020

Up until March the church was open every day during daylight hours as the first lockdown came into force the Church was closed in accordance with Government guidelines. We reopened for services in July when there was one service a month, when the 3rd lockdown was introduced services were suspended until further notice, it was agreed at a PCC Meeting (Over Zoom) that Filby Church would be open for private prayer on Wednesday's. There were 2 Ashes interred in the church Yard this year.

In January we celebrated Plough Sunday an old plough was brought into the church (loaned by Henry Alston), due to unforeseen circumstances Stokesby's Harvest Festival was relocated to Runham Church. The Remembrance Sunday Service was well attended for the service around the War Memorial in the churchyard. The carol service went ahead this year although not in the church, as we could sing outside the service was on the Village Green, socially distanced and a one way system and Stokesby kindly provided a takeaway picnic which was a great success.

Fabric Report

Regular maintenance checks were carried out by Irons and Stones. During the year we have had problems with the church Car park, having had a derelict caravan ' dumped in the Car Park which was removed by the council. Then with people meeting there and leaving rubbish behind, since the police put notices saying ' we are watching you' we have had no problems.

POORS LAND TRUST

Mrs Walsh unable to attend, but sent in the following report:

This Report covers the period between 1st January 2018 and 31st December 2018

In 2018 we had two payments from the Rural Payments agency.

In December there were 14 applications for money from the Poors Trust and the Trust also gave a donation to Rock Solid and Runham Bowls Club.
The amount given was £200 to each applicant.

MAUTBY CHURCH REPORT 2018

Mrs Travis read out the following report:

St Peter and St Paul, Mautby

Churchwardens:

June Angela Pratt and Shirley Ann Travis

LCC Officers & Members:

Trudie Fenn, Richard Howard, David Rose, Patricia Rose

Electoral Roll: 15 as at 31st December 2020

Secretary's Report:

Holy Communion services took place at the start of the year and our LCC met in January to begin planning a flower festival to commemorate VE Day due to be held in May.

Mautby Craft Club recommenced led by Judy Pritchard with the intention of making lots of cards and craft gifts to sell at our forthcoming VE Celebrations. However, sadly due to Covid 19 Lockdown which was introduced on March 23rd the Church was closed and the last HC took place on March 15th. This was a very challenging time for us all not being allowed to go into the church; something none of us have ever known during our lifetime.

The church reopened in July for Private Prayer on Wednesdays and Saturdays and Holy Communion services recommenced. Our Harvest Festival Service was held in September outside at the back of the church due to Covid, and of course we could not serve any refreshments. However, it was well attended and was very enjoyable chatting to each other whilst staying socially distanced. We also held a service on Remembrance Day outside, socially distanced and remembered the lives of those lost at war and a wreath was laid.

Mautby Church was open for visitors partaking in the Norfolk Churches Trust Cycle Ride and church members took part raising funds through sponsors, our thanks to everyone who supported the church. Mid week Communion was held every Wednesday at 9.30am from 30th September. We were very fortunate to have Holy Communion on Christmas Morning, however, since then the church has remained locked with no services or Private Prayer due to the Lockdown.

The impact of Covid 19 has been huge; no services at times, no fund raising, no meeting as friends, financial worries about paying our Parish Share and decisions to be made regarding

future events which resulted in cancelling our Summer Fete in addition to the Flower Festival. Our Christmas Evening was also cancelled.

We in our small community have kept in touch with the members of our church and know how the lockdown has affected us all.

Our thanks to George and Richard Gay, for cutting the grass opposite the church to enable us to park more vehicles near the church.

All churches were offered various items from Thrigby Church which is now closed and we are delighted to have received a beautiful carved wooden chair and the wooden cross from the Altar.

Many thanks to Shirley, in her role as Secretary and Richard as Treasurer and organist, and all the LCC and friends of the church who work tirelessly together keeping our church clean and tidy. Also for the flower arranging throughout the year. Also grateful thanks to David our bellringer and Altar server and Pat for laundering the Altar linen.

Finally we would like to thank Revd. Sue for her support to Mautby as Priest in Charge. Also to Judy for her continued support and friendship leading the Mautby Craft Club .

Fabric Report:

Our thanks go to Stephen Hewitt who maintains our churchyard so beautifully.

The windows on the extension are in need of staining and also the outer door may need some attention.

Our thanks to Mautby and Runham Parish Council for paying to have the War Memorial renovated which was completed before Remembrance Sunday.

The quinquennial is due in March 2021.

RUNHAM BOWLS CLUB

John Poulter unable to attend and no report received

ROCK SOLID

John Poulter unable to attend and no report received as during lockdown they hadn't had a meeting.

VILLAGE HISTORY FACEBOOK PAGE

Peter George gave the following report

The page has become quite popular with some good postings from the Parish.

Anyone who wants to share pictures please do so and they can be uploaded to the Archive page as well.

If anyone has a local business in the Parish or offers any services such as building, carpentry, gardening, book keeping or whatever please feel free to post.

Also the page can be used to ask for any assistance needed.

It should be noted that the page is not administered by the Parish Council or any other official body as some people thought it was.

FRIENDS OF RUNHAM CHURCH

Peter George gave the following report:

The Friends of Runham Church was formed in the mid 1980's to prevent the church from imminent demolition. This was successfully done and The Friends raised around £188,000 towards completing Phase 1 of the restoration. Some of this work included new drains, foundation repair, two new roof hammer beams and a new roof and window repairs making the building wind and rain water tight.

My family donated the cost of the new porch doors and the repair of the two other doors which have a 600 year guarantee.

Mr David Oakley provided all of the Scaffolding for phase 1 & 2 free of charge.

The Watts family provided all the facilities for our bonfire nights and gave continuous support throughout when needed.

The list is long of those who gave to save the church. Hopefully we can put something together to tell the story of all the helpers.

Phase two welcomed the new PCC working with the Friends to continue the work

The Final Phase three work was completed by Bobbie/Gerry Walsh and The Team.

The continuation of care for the Church is much credited to Bobbie Walsh and team.

The original goal of the Friends of Runham Church was to save the building from demolition and I never thought the work would be completed in my lifetime. This is thanks to lots of villagers, some who are sadly no longer with us.

It has been decided to wind up the Friends Charity now that the goals have been achieved.

RUNHAM VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Mrs Hodgson gave the following report
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Unfortunately, the Village Hall has not been used much during the year, due to the Covid 19 pandemic. All activities ceased at the end of March 2020 when we started our first period of 'lockdown'. The only group to use the hall since then, has been the Violin tuition, when they were allowed. Hopefully all other groups will be able to continue, when they are able and feel safe to do so.

Obviously, we have not been able to hold any fundraising activities throughout the year, but we have benefitted from the government grant scheme. Many thanks to Councillor Thompson for his help in applying for this funding. The Village Hall Committee will discuss this funding and decide how to utilize it.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in June.

Committee Members

Lesley Etheridge Jean Hodgson Peter Funnell Julia McNelly Carmel Doolan Bill Cooper

VILLAGE HALL USERS

Tia Chi.

No report been received

Crochet Group

Esme unable to attend and they have not been able to meet last year due to the Covid virus.

Painting Group

Mrs Hodgson gave the following report
Annual Report

The Painting Group met in the Village Hall on a Wednesday afternoon, but have not been able to meet since March 2020 due to the pandemic.

Choir

Ms Brookes unable to attend but sent in the following report:

The choir due to restrictions has not been able to meet but will hopefully resume when allowed to do so.

Violin lessons

Ms Brooks unable to attend but sent in the following report:

At present the violin lessons are taking place in Runham VH which I hire on a regular basis on a Monday. I am able to teach as the schools returned in March. There are 3 violinists, and one pianist that have lessons on a Monday evening. These violists are also members of the String Ensemble called the 'A' strings which have performed, before lockdown, in the local area giving concerts in churches and care homes and playing for carol services eg Runham and Rollesby Carole Service and Rollesby Harvest Festival. The 'A' strings consist of 6 members ranging from Grade 2 to Grade 8 in standard. Obviously during lockdown and most of 2020 we were unable to meet but are now back rehearsing for concerts when required.

POLICE

PC May & PC Potter are unable to give reports for the parish of Mautby. They send in reports that include Mautby in the crime figures, which are put onto the PC website.

7.BOROUGH COUNCILLOR/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CCllr Grant

BCllr Thompson

8.PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS

With no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at pm

