

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting**  
**held at Cantley Village Hall on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**Present:**

Robert Beadle (Chairman), Keith Luxford, Peter Key, Norma Knight, Brenda Pawsey, Richard Attwood. The Clerk, District and County Councillor Andrew Proctor, and 6 Members of the public were also present.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Dot Machin.

**2. Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 were agreed as a correct record, proposed by Richard Attwood, seconded by Norma Knight, all in favour.

**3. Parish Council Reports**

a) Chairman's Report

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr Robert Beadle, gave his report (Appendix 1).

b) Financial Report

The Parish Clerk gave a report on the Parish Council's finances (Appendix 2).

**4. County and District Councillor Reports**

Mr Andrew Proctor, County and District Councillor, reported that a common theme for both councils was that council tax had not increased, which was a big help for some.

Norfolk County Council

The Council had adopted a new priority – the protection of vulnerable people.

The Postwick Hub was on target for completion in November 2015.

The Northern Distributor Road report had been submitted by the inspector, and a decision was expected from the Secretary of State by 11<sup>th</sup> June.

The A11 had been duelled, and the next to be campaigned for was the A47. The scheme was designed but needed to be given the go ahead.

Investment in Better Broadband for Norfolk had continued, with Broadland District Council also contributing funding.

The former RAF Coltishall site had seen the installation of a solar farm which was generating electricity and income for the Council.

Grants had been received for road and school improvement - £150M over 5 years for roads; £18M for schools.

Plans to charge for the use of recycling centres had been shelved.

The Parish Partnership Fund continued, with 75% funding available for small parishes.

The S106 issues on the B1140 were being robustly challenged.

The County Farms estate was bringing in additional revenue for frontline services.

Future challenges included how Norfolk deals with its residual waste; the new duties within the Care Act; and educational improvement following poor OFSTED reports.

A committee model of governance had been introduced.

Broadland

The Local Plan DPD and Site Allocations documents had been submitted, it was

hoped that this would become policy by the end of 2015.

3 Neighbourhood Plans had been adopted in the district.

Broadland had recently won awards for the safest district (2013); the third cleanest district (2014); and NR8 as a top 10 postcode in the UK (2015).

1,400 new houses were planned, with around 25% as affordable homes. The Council was engaged in a joint venture with NPS to build new homes which included passive houses.

The recycling revolution had been launched, and residents were asked to rinse before recycling.

Broadland District Council had a new 3 year plans, with the key priorities as Economic Success; Well Housed Communities; Environmental Excellence; Health and Wellbeing; Low Crime; and High Quality Value Services

## **5. Police**

Ian Kennedy presented his report (Appendix 3).

## **6. Reports from Local Organisations**

### a) British Sugar Factory

Steve Lynn reported that it had been a long and successful campaign. Stocks were now plentiful so there was a 20% reduction in the amount of beet being grown. It was expected that the factory would open on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and close on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The juice tank bunds were up, with planting carried out. The tank installation was some way off and would be well screened as the planting matured. The factory was working with WiSpire to provide an alternative broadband mast. There were problems with lorries parking overnight or over weekends at the intake road, and causing a nuisance. Temporary barriers had been erected, and a more permanent solution was being explored. The village access to the facilities would remain. The factory was getting gas in September 2016 which could provide options for Cantley village. The laying of the main would cause disruption, but it was hoped that lobbying would result in the infrastructure being extended to the village. The annual village meeting would be taking place as usual. An issue of littering by lorry drivers was raised, and Steve agreed to have a walk-around to look at this during the campaign. The factory had the power to ban drivers or vehicles which was a powerful deterrent for hauliers. Steve was happy to explore any viable options for improved signage to the factory.

### b) Limpenhoe and Cantley Churches

Presented by Brenda Pawsey on behalf of Michael Brook (Appendix 4).

### c) Cantley Community Trust

Presented by Keith Luxford on behalf of Doreen Brown (Appendix 5).

### d) Cantley Village Hall

Presented by Norma Knight on behalf of Pam Scrivens (Appendix 6).

### e) Cantley Staithe

Robert Beadle reported that all the moorings were let. The issue of water overtopping had occurred as the bank had sunk by 16" and needed reinstating. The Trust was working with the Parish Council to undertake the necessary work, with funding provided from various sources. The Trust finances were healthy.

### f) Forget Me Not Club

Presented by Catherine Moore on behalf of Jean Curtis (Appendix 7).

g) Cantley Tots Stay and Play

Presented by Keith Luxford on behalf of Sophie Luxford (Appendix 8).

h) Freethorpe Community First Responders

Presented by Brenda Pawsey on behalf of Margaret Ditcham (Appendix 9). It was agreed that an item would be placed in the next newsletter noting that the group would welcome new volunteers.

i) Cantley Flower Show

Presented by Carol Grimes (Appendix 10).

j) Limpenhoe Village Hall

Brenda Pawsey reported that the progressive lunch had been well attended and that the fete had raised £300. A good St Georges Day celebration day had taken place. The kitchen had been renovated at a cost of £5,000.

k) Cantley WI

Presented by Norma Knight on behalf of Connie Waters (Appendix 11)

l) Friends of Cantley Station

Presented by Tim Drew (Appendix 12)

m) Limpenhoe Tree Warden

Presented by Ros Boar (Appendix 13)

n) Cantley Tree Warden

Presented by Robert Beadle (Appendix 14)

**7. General Parish Issues**

None.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

**CHAIRMAN**