

STETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
held on 17th May 2016
7.30 PM AT THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

Present: Lily Whymer, Chair of Stetchworth Parish Council, Parish Councillors Wayne Bell, Sarah Breen, Piers Saunders and Anna Taylor. Also Yvonne Rix Clerk to the Parish Council, District Councillor Morris, County Councillor Shuter, Julie Bampton on behalf of the Ellesmere Centre Trustees, Alan Sharp (resident) and two representatives from Community Navigators

Apologies: Parish Councillors France and Puddick.

1. Chairman's Welcome

Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr. Lily Whymer welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for attending.

2. Approval of Minutes - Annual Parish Meeting of 20th May 2015

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 20th May 2015 were signed as a true and correct record

3. Chairman's Report

Cllr. Lily Whymer, Chairman of the Parish Council read out her report. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes. Cllr Taylor thanked Cllr Whymer for her report and for her role as Chairman to the Parish Council

4. District and County Councillor Reports

County Councillor Shuter reported that the County Council had agreed a budget with a 0% increase. Savings of 43 million had been made over the past year and a further 36 million would need to be made this year.

Delivery of the superfast or faster broadband had been made throughout the county, with Cambridgeshire rating as third in the Country for the provision of superfast broadband in rural areas.

Bottisham Village College has been awarded a government grant of £4 million pounds towards extending the school to allow 10 Form Entry. A further £11 million will be provided by Cambridgeshire County Council.

Speedwatch is being rejuvenated in East Cambs. The new Police and Crime Commissioner for the area is in favour of resources being spread throughout the area, not just in Cambridge city.

East Cambs District Council (ECDC) has voted to work towards devolution. If Cambridgeshire County Council votes against devolution, ECDC may consider working with Suffolk and Norfolk.

Parish Councillor Whymer questioned the need of children to be in the catchment area to attend Bottisham Village College. Cllr Shuter explained that being in the catchment area does not currently mean that a child will successfully obtain a place at Bottisham Village College as the school is currently oversubscribed. Parish Councillor Taylor expressed that the problem of places starts at Primary School Level.

District Councillor Chris Morris gave his report. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

Parish Councillor Bell asked if it was likely that ECDC would change to wheelie bins for the collection of general waste instead of the black bags which often are found all over the road and damaged on collection days. Cllr Morris reported that he had not heard anything about any plan to change to wheelie bins for general waste, but that the contract is up for negotiation and renewal.

Parish Council Whymer thanked County Councillor Shuter and District Councillor Morris for their reports.

5. Community Navigators

Two of the Community Navigator Coordinators for East Cambs attended the meeting and gave a presentation. The Care Network Charity has been running for 30 years, with an aim to keep the elderly and vulnerable living in their own homes. The organisation is able to provide help, through volunteers, in the home for up to three weeks (not personal care), for example after discharge from hospital. Following this time help can be given to arrange further assistance either privately or through Social Services. Other assistance can be for 'one off' jobs such as changing light bulbs or installing key locks.

The organisation also acts as a community navigator, being able to provide individuals advice and information on groups and organisations that can provide the help and services needed.

The third role of the organisation is community development. In rural areas the coordinators look to find gaps in what is available within the community for the elderly and vulnerable. They will arrange activities to help fill these gaps and will try to encourage others to set up groups to continue to provide the activities that are required. Those in the community with a concern about an individual can make the organisation aware through the Community Eyes and Ears Scheme. There is no need to have the permission of the individual to report.

The public is made aware of the work that the Community Navigators do through word of mouth and distributed leaflets.

Parish Councillor Whymer thank the Community Navigators for attending the meeting and their presentation.

5. Ellesmere Centre Report

Julie Bampton gave the attached report on the Ellesmere Centre. Parish Councillor Whymer thanked her for the report.

6. Matters raised from the floor.

Alan Sharp who has recently been elected as District Councillor for Bottisham informed those present that Tony Jolley, Speedwatch Coordinator was working towards reinstating Speedwatch in Stetchworth and the surrounding area. Mr Jolley has written to Parish Councils about the process. This will be discussed further at a Parish Council meeting when both Cllrs France and Puddick, who are keen to reinstate the scheme are present. Mr Sharp also informed all that he was interested in helping with the scheme.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed _____ Dated _____