

# CLOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Clopton Village Hall at 7.00pm  
on Thursday 19th May 2016.

<b>Present:</b> Cllr Angwin (Chair)	<b>In Attendance:</b> Cllr Pryke Cllr Fryatt Cllr Yallop Cllr Raffell Mrs T Embury (Clerk)	<b>Apologies</b> Doris Main Sue Christensen
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<p><b>Tribute</b> Cllr Angwin opened the meeting by paying tribute to Cllr Bellfield.</p>
<p><b>CPC APM 001/16 To Receive Apologies</b> Cllr Angwin informed the meeting of apologies he had received. (See above)</p>
<p><b>CPC APM 002/16 To Approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 21st May 2015</b> The minutes were previously circulated via Clopton News and also displayed on the noticeboards. They were approved and signed as a true record. Proposer Cllr Raffell, Seconder Cllr Fryatt.</p>
<p><b>CPC APM 003/16 Matters Arising</b> There were no matters arising.</p>
<p><b>CPC APM 004/16 Parish Council Chairman's Report</b> (See attached reports) Cllr Angwin read the report he had prepared.</p>
<p><b>CPC APM 005/16 Summary of Parish Council Accounts 2015-2016</b> (See attached reports) A summary was given by the Chairman and a full breakdown of the accounts was available for the public to view. There were no questions about the accounts.</p>
<p><b>CPC APM 006/16 Report from District Councillor Fryatt</b> Councillor Fryatt spoke about SCDC issues he was involved in.  <b>Planning</b> – Cllr Fryatt has taken on the role of Cabinet Member for Planning – 9000 homes are required to be built within SCDC area so Cllr Fryatt has visited most of the parishes to speak with parish councillors and residents to ascertain where it is feasible for the homes to be built.  <b>Devolution</b> – Suffolk and Norfolk are now looking at a combined authority being led by a Mayor. Government would like to see this in place by May 2017. The Mayor would be responsible for areas such as major planning schemes, which would have infrastructure benefits and would therefore make a big difference to the county.  <b>SaViD</b> – the Annual Meeting is being held next week. It is proposed that members of the participating groups will share the workload by rotating the role of Chairman every six months. A document should be ready within the next six months, to go out to parishes to help them progress with SaViD  <b>Council Tax</b> - Suffolk Coastal has increased Council Tax for the first time since 2010. The Council has increased its portion of the council tax bill by 1.99% for 2016/17.</p>

**CPC APM 007/16 Police Report** (See attached report)

PC Debbie Howgego prepared the report which was summarised by the Clerk.

Due to a major change in Police operating systems reports will no longer be available in their previous format. The new format will be a ward based newsletter, (Clopton will come under Grundisburgh Ward), which will be uploaded to the Constabulary website. [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk) On the home page there will be a link to 'My Neighbourhood' where the ward newsletter can be accessed.

**CPC APM 008/16 Reports from Organisations** (See attached reports)

**Village Hall Report** prepared and given by Mr. David Hayhow (attached).

Mr Hayhow produced a breakdown of the accounts and also added that there were not so many regular users now as the Swing Dance organisation and Carpet Bowls were no longer using the hall. Therefore, the revenue was coming mainly from outside hire.

The village hall has recently been decorated, thanks to volunteers, and new curtains have been ordered. Thanks went to Della Hughes for her hard work and also to the village hall committee.

**WJ Steel & Poor's Charity Report** prepared by Mrs. Sue Christensen and presented by the Clerk (attached).

**Local History Recorder's Report** prepared by Mrs Doris Main and presented by the Clerk (attached).

**Parish Church Report** prepared by Mrs Doris Main and presented by the Clerk (attached).

**Clopton Communications Report** (covering the Clopton website, Clopton eNews and the Clopton Newsletter) prepared by Mrs Della Hughes and presented by the Clerk.

Cllr Fryatt felt that Clopton eNews may also benefit from sharing their emails with other local villages such as Charsfield, Grundisburgh, Debach and Bredfield and vice versa, bringing the local communities together.

**CPC APM 009/16 Matters raised by Parishioners**

A resident informed the meeting that recently she had received a less than satisfactory service from a contractor used by Flagship Housing Association. Parish Council will write to Flagship Homes.

*Meeting closed at 7.55pm.*

Chairman: ..... Date: .....