

LITTLE WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 1 May 2018 at 7:30pm in the Tufnell Hall

Present: Councillors Edith Robertson (Chair)
 Peter Brown
 Malcolm Taylor
 Jackie Ketley
 Mark Goff
 Tony Campen
 Antony Kingham
 Teresa Dando
 Barbara Denny
Clerk Suzanne Walker

County Councillor John Aldridge and City Councillors James Raven and Barry Knight were present.

Representatives from the Tom Amos Charity, 3 representatives from the Cricket club and one representative from the Little Waltham Memorial Hall were present.
19 members of the public were present

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

1 To receive any apologies for absence

Gill Aston from the Poole and Aleyrn charity.

2 Consideration and approval of Minutes of 2 May 2017

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 2 May 2017 were **agreed** as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chair read out her report regarding the Parish Council activities over the last 12 months.

4. Public Forum

A resident said she would like to know why the Cricket Club had erected a fence across the playing fields and why there has been no consultation with the community.

A resident disputed the amount of dog poo on the playing fields and questioned who would clear the litter accumulating in the fence.

A resident raised issues regarding the allotments and support from the Parish Council. It was suggested that he raise the issues at the allotment meeting scheduled for 3 May 2018.

A resident raised the issue of the difficulty that he has faced in crossing Essex Regiment Way on a pushbike especially since the bus land has been moved. He also questioned whether a full golf course was being maintained at Channels. Councillor Aldridge confirmed he would investigate the road issue.

5. Village Reports

A representative from the Tom Amos charity reported that new trustees have been appointed this year. They have received 280 grant applications and granted 129 in the total sum of £600,000.00. Village hall applications have been very popular. The total assets of the charity are just over £1million. Additional administrative issues

have included rules to avoid money laundering and the new data protection rules. In 2017 12 grant applications were accepted and one rejected and so far in 2018 7 applications have been received.

A representative from the Memorial Hall committee explained the structure of the committee and the fact that they are looking for two more trustees independent from the existing user groups. He provided an update regarding bookings including regular users. He confirmed that grants from Essex County Council had enabled the emergency lighting to be repaired and resurfacing to the gravel surface at the front of the hall. He provided details of the Memorial Hall's website and the fact that WiFi is offered to users. A new booking secretary had been found together with a new caretaker. The Accounts show that a surplus of £3,000 has been generated for the year. The AGM will be taking place in July.

The Clerk read out a report provided by the Chair of Governors of Little Waltham School.

Regarding the Poole and Aleyn charity Councillor Ketley reported that Councillor Campen had joined the committee. 16 households had received a grant of £70 each in the past year and the balance of the charity's account currently stands at £255.75.

Meeting concluded at 8.05pm