

**Minutes from Cratfield Annual Parish Meeting
held at Cratfield Village Hall on
Tuesday 10th May 2016**

Present: Lotty Barbour (Chair), Peter Baker (PB), Chris Mobbs (CM), Michael Oliver (MO), Robert Sannick (RS), Gloria Steward (GS)

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: Sally Chapman

No parishioners present.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 7.15pm

1. Apologies

Councillor Chivers – apologies accepted.

2. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held Monday 11th May 2015

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair. Proposed GS, 2nd CM – unanimous.

3. Matters Arising

Councillors noted the sign on North Green had still not been repaired/replaced. Clerk to report.

Action: Clerk

4. Chair's Yearly Report

The Chair gave a verbal report main points:

- Thanked Councillor Baker for completing his first year and his contribution.
- Thanked Councillors Chivers and Steward for chairing the extra meetings.
- Thanked Mr Cable the last Clerk for all his good work.
- Reported the new Clerk had started in January and thanked her for her hard work and ensuring CPC complied with the Government's Transparency Policy.
- The Hevingham Hall Trust had given CPC a grant of £500, which has now been spent on new noticeboards.
- CPC had held a Litterpick in April and the main part of the village was relatively litter free and the main rubbish was found on the outer edges.
- Thanked all the Councillors for their hard work and support.

5. Finance Yearly Report

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the CPC's end of year accounts and advised there

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were no changes from the March 2016 accounts. The total funds to 31st March 2016 were £ 4762.16 and this had been confirmed by the internal auditor.

6. District & County Councillor's Yearly Report *(report circulated prior to meeting)*

County & District Councillor Burroughes gave a lengthy report – a copy can be found on the Parish Council website: <http://cratfield.onesuffolk.net>.

Councillors expressed dissatisfaction at the slow Broadband speeds currently available and the delay in providing access to faster speeds. Councillor Burroughes has suggested to PB that the Better Broadband team could come and speak to a meeting of parishioners from a number of local villages. PB said that he is trying to organise this.

Councillors commented that the standard of repairs to potholes in the road is often poor and, at times, the manner of the repairs defies logic.

7. To appoint Representatives to Village Organisations and appoint Officers

- Village Hall Representative – Councillor Sannick
- Carpet Bowls Group - The Chair read out a report from Mr Geoffrey Moore from the Carpet Bowls Group *(full report at end of the minutes)*.

8. Public Questions

None

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Carpet Bowls Group Report

The carpet bowls group is made up from a few interested folk. We do not have an official committee due to insufficient members. We play on Wednesday evenings from 7-15 to 9-15pm. In the past we have played for 2 1/2 hours, but due to low membership we had to reduce playing time to save on costs. We do possess two playing carpets but due to having only a few players we now only use one. In the past we would also play friendly matches against other village's carpet bowls teams but due to our low numbers we can longer do this. In the early years when we first started playing we would have club tournaments and trophies and medals were awarded to the winners(in the village hall there is cabinet with trophy's that could be won, but these, bar one, are no longer played for). With due respect to our current members, most of us are not that young and whereas carpet bowls is not an energetic activity we are finding it difficult to keep going. In the past we have tried by various methods to encourage new players.

Geoff Moore (Cratfield Carpet Bowls Representative)

Apologies for not being there - previous commitment.

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