

CRATFIELD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

Held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm
Monday 19th May 2014

Present : Lotty Barbour, (Chair) Richard Chivers, Gloria Steward, Bob Stratford, Robert Sannick, Chris Mobbs (Barry Cable -Clerk) Rebecca Sannick, (Village Hall Committee) David Sillett (Town Estates Trust)
Apologies Michael Oliver, Cllr Stephen Burroughes , PCSO Julie Hinton

Chairmans Welcome Lotty welcomed everyone

Chairmans report – I have just completed my 2nd year as Chairman of Cratfield Parish Council, and have 1 year remaining of the 3 year term. This has been another busy year. Firstly I would like to thank Barry Cable for his work as Clerk, and all the members of the Council who kindly give their time on a voluntary basis.

The Council has dealt with a series of Planning Applications throughout the year, which has included the revised application of School Farm for 4 dwellings plus 2 affordable. We enlisted the help of Cllr Stephen Burroughes, our District Councillor, in helping us put across the Village's views on the size and type of housing requirements in Cratfield and I also attended the Planning Meeting at Suffolk Coastal Offices in Woodbridge to try and put forward our views. In addition to this application, there have been several applications for extensions and improvements on existing properties.

The Village Playing Field has had a Rotanet installed and has received on-going Maintenance which has resulted in the purchase of a new double swing, for which Cratfield has received money from Suffolk Coastal D C Play space Funding for both of these purchases. There is some more maintenance work to be carried out at the Playing field and this should take place in the next few months

The Council was successful in applying to the Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust on behalf of the Village Hall for £2000. to go towards the purchase of a new cooker.

In July 2013 we welcomed Gloria Steward onto the Council taking on the position after the resignation of Nick Eade. Gloria has taken on the role of a Parish Council Website officer, and has attended courses to assist her with this, and information on the Council can be found at WWW.cratfield@onesuffolk.net

The Council has been disappointed with the support shown by the local Police. Since P C Mark Bryant was moved on from being our local "bobby", we have had very little contact from our PCSO, it is always good to have a first hand report, and representation throughout the year, unfortunately this has not happened.

Cratfield is a changing village and as your Parish Council, we aim to deal with matters as they arise, including the conditions of the roads, planning, allotments Play area etc.

RFO Report Draft Accounts were presented to 31.3.2014, which were adopted by Council and signed by the Chairman & R F O

District Councillor The report from Cllr Stephen Burroughes in this capacity was read out, and is filed with these minutes.

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Cratfield Town Estates Trust, David Sillett the Chairman then presented his report on behalf of the Trust explaining its objects , His report is filed with these minutes

Village Hall Rebecca Sannick then gave her report on the activities of the Hall. Bookings were up, the sales of Cratfield Calenders raised £ 400.00, the Dog Show raised £960.00 and Parish Council are holding £ 2000.00 from HHCFT to purchase a new cooker. After the roof had been repaired, work will start on re-fitting the new Kitchen, The Hall will also benefit from the money raised at Cratfield Gardens Open Day in June

OPEN FORUM

It was suggested that a 1st Aid course be organized to complement the Defibrillator, The Clerk explained that he had enquired into this with the St John's Ambulance but they require a certain minimum to make it worth-while. 4 people in the room were willing to be trained but more need to be found

Meeting ended 8.10pm

(The report from the Police was received the following day & is filed with these minutes)

SignedChairman 18th May 2015