



Trunch Parish Council

Clerk: Jane Wisson Chairman: Paul Taylor

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING **HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th MAY 2022 AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.**

Present: -

Cllr. A. Bowker (Chairman), Cllr. R. Nevill & Cllr P Taylor
Jane Wisson – Clerk.

1. **Chairman welcomed everyone to the Parish Meeting we had two members of the public attend.**
We received apologies from Cllr. B Boughton, Cllr. C Owers, Cllr. S Wild and Cllr. E Eldon
2. **Declarations and Dispensations Requests by Councillors in any of the Agenda Items listed below – Cllr R Nevill for the Village Hall**
3. **Agree the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in May 2021 – Minutes agreed by all**
4. **Received the Chairmans Report – As newly appointed Chairman Cllr A Bowker highlighted key areas of achievements throughout the year**
 - Highway works on North Walsham Road
 - Restoration of the Village Pump
 - No cold calling zones
 - SAM 2 sign has provided information on speeding
 - New Contractor for the grass cutting
 - Working with neighbouring villages to look at highways issues
 - Supporting other aspects of community life

Chairman also led a vote of thanks to all Councillors for all their hard work as well as Councillors who have left the Council within the last year – J Spencer, N Hurst. Preparing for the next year is on this chairman's agenda.

The Council are looking for more volunteers to join to help support the village through the new challenges

- Recovery ongoing from the pandemic
- The cost-of-living crisis
- Improvement on speeding in the Parish
- Ongoing improvements for the Footpaths
- Grounds maintenance
- Offering comments on planning
- Maintaining Allotments

- Development of the Parish Plan to include outcomes from the Village Questionnaire
- Collaboration with Local groups/neighbouring parishes and other partners

Vice Chairman Cllr. P Taylor also wanted to add his thanks to Cllr. C Owers for all her hard work on letting the last few allotments.

5. Report from the TVS – Appendix A

6. Report from Village Hall Committee - Appendix B

7. Public Opportunity for Questions to Councillors

A question was raised about the number of Empty/second homes in the Parish and the impact this is having on Parish/community life – parish council will add to the next Parish Council meeting agenda to discuss.

8. Update on the Queens Jubilee Celebrations – Appendix C

Meeting Closed at 20.05pm

Date:.....

Signed.....

Appendix A

Trunch Village Society

Annual Report to the Trunch Parish Council - May 2022

Other than the recycling credits and compost sales raised by the activities of the community compost project group no other fund-raising activities have been held during the past year. As a result, no grants were awarded to the village Groups and Organisations. A fund of £5000 is retained for emergency situations.

Picnic Party in the Paddock - 2021

An entertaining day in September was well attended and patrons enjoyed a fun packed afternoon of live music, competitions and games. The turnout of residents, after a long period of lockdown enabled them to catch up with neighbours and donations raised over £300 for the Village Society.

The annual garage sale was not held

Queen's Jubilee Celebration 2022– Picnic Party in the Paddock

A picnic based on the successful formula of last year's event has been organised for Friday 3rd June. Singers and musicians will provide the live entertainment and a disco will implement the programme of party music. A local ukulele band are booked to play a repertoire of sing along songs. There will be the wellie throwing and tug o 'war competitions besides a number of games for all to join in.

As part of the celebration the Trunch Art Group is staging an exhibition of pictures painted by local people and the Garden Society are planning to have a floral display.

Litter Pick Group

A collection of rubbish from around the village took place on a Sunday afternoon during October last year and April this year. It was encouraging to see an increase in the number of enthusiastic volunteers. The litter picks are organised as friendly social events with a quiz during tea and cakes afterwards in the village hall.

Community Compost Group

Despite the effects of the covid pandemic the Group managed to collect a total of 13.808 tonnes of garden waste during last year for which a recycling credit of £884 was paid by Norfolk County Council. The sales of compost yielded a total sum of £260.

The Group have about fourteen volunteers who can be called upon for the fortnightly waste collections and processing the garden waste.

The kind resident who loaned a pick-up truck to the Group so that collections could continue, after the disposal of the van, has moved house away from the village. As a result, the Group no longer have an economic means of transport for the waste collections. As a temporary measure, volunteers are using their own vehicles but this cannot continue so various alternatives are being considered. The Group are hopeful that a solution will be found soon otherwise the collections are in danger of being suspended.

It is important this vital community service continues not only for the benefit of residents in disposing of garden waste but also for the income it generates from recycling credits.

Playing Field Group

Due to the lack of use the half pipe was dismantled and removed from the playing field.

Bee Keeping Project Group

Last year was a poor year nationally for bees and bee keepers. There was very little honey harvested but despite this £185 was received from honey sales. Currently, after the swarming season, the apiary at Glebe Lodge has seven thriving hives that seem to be doing well especially during the recent spell of fine weather. Our registered swarm collector, Michele Horsefield, has collected four swarms so far this season. This enabled the Group to retain one swarm and give the others to two new members of the Project group. At present it looks as though the forthcoming season will be good for the bees to flourish and grow in strength and numbers.

General

The distribution of Welcome/Introduction packs to newcomers to the village continues.

The 2009 version of the Parish Plan is being updated in collaboration with the Parish Council and a questionnaire was sent to 471 households in the village and the 210 responses are currently being analysed by a group of volunteers. Once analysed and reviewed the outcome will be published in an updated Plan and distributed to all households in Trunch, the Parish Council, the local Member of Parliament, the County and District Councillors.

Copies will also be sent to other bodies affected by the outcome of the residents' comments and aspirations. The village web site is being administered by the TVS Secretary and is regularly updated to include details of village events, local history, suppliers, contractors, holiday accommodation, group activities and many other items of interest involving village life. A recent review indicated that 180 visits were made to the site in a fortnight period.

The activities of the Society's Project Groups rely on the support of a network of volunteers. As we get over the effects of the covid virus it is hoped that a team of enthusiastic and willing volunteers will again be available to call upon, such that the activities of the Society are able to continue, prosper and raise much needed funds for the village Groups, Organisations and activities.

The Society thanks all of the volunteers for their enthusiasm, dedication and hard work.

Officers

Chairman – Stefan Pogonowski:

Vice Chairman – Peter Horsefield:

Treasurer – Linda McQuattie:

Secretary – Brian Boughton

Committee (Project Group Representatives)

Michele Horsefield, Malcom Needs and Karen Pogonowski

Trunch Village Hall Management Committee - Chairmans's Report to Trunch Annual Parish Meeting May 2022

it's been a challenging year...

Some of the officers of Trunch Village Hall management committee changed during the year which resulted in us spending a lot of time and much effort in getting up to speed with the various rules, regulations, roles, responsibilities and procedures. We've got a fair way through a documentation update with the help of a useful set of model documents for village halls from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) to guide us. Once we've completed this process, we'll have a useful central repository of our own, tailored documents for future reference and we'll be instituting regular reviews to keep them up to date and relevant.

We've also had to respond to varying Covid-19 rules and recommendations to keep the Village Hall an active, viable and useful community asset. Once we got a handle on how the Village Hall operated, we set about updating our schedule of hiring charges, our standard conditions of hire, our health and safety policy, our fire policy and our insurance cover.

As well as these important initiatives, we also made an assessment of the Village Hall's facilities, utilities and services. This is an ongoing process - a building fabric survey has been performed and an electrical services assessment will be made shortly.

A number of important maintenance projects were implemented:

1. Woodworm treatment of the woodwork underneath the floor was performed
2. Our car park has been resurfaced - delayed until this Spring due to inclement weather last Autumn
3. Handrails painted with insulating paint to be DDA (disability) compliant as per building regulations
4. Landscaping of our frontage was completed (planting to be performed shortly)
5. HIVE system to remotely monitor and control hall central heating was installed
6. Old rickety card tables replaced with white square stable tables

All of these challenges showed we need to raise funds and control finances. We've now got a great team of fundraisers who get together regularly to generate new fundraising ideas and the recent successful revival of the Trunch Village Hall coffee mornings is an example of their determined efforts.

As far as controlling finances is concerned, thanks to our Treasurer Andi Kay's great efforts we now have a firm understanding of our financial status. This allowed us to plan a competitive Hall Hire fee strategy and will show us the extent of fundraising needed to raise money for future projects in order to maintain and improve our Village Hall as a central part of Trunch village life.

Looking forward, the information we've acquired over the last eleven months will allow us to formulate a strategy for the Hall. We'll be concentrating on strengthening our resilience and sustainability with an eye to providing greater flexibility and to modernising our facilities where it might help our existing and new hall users.

In terms of those modern buzzwords 'sustainability', 'wellbeing' and 'resilience' ACRE are encouraging all Government departments to recognise the multiple economic, social and environmental benefits of village halls. They would like policy makers to:

- Include them in initiatives and plans so that all halls are able to reach carbon neutral targets
- Tackle the burden of irrecoverable VAT and maintain other tax reliefs and exemptions that are an important contribution to the financial sustainability of halls
- Consider all options possible for providing capital funding to improve and maintain England's ageing stock of halls

Along with ACRE, we'll be watching this space closely. We'll also be monitoring published Grant funding notices so that we can take advantage of any benefits whenever they arise.

Richard Nevill, Chairman, Trunch Village Hall

Date: 11th May 2022



Weekend of Celebrations in Trunch

 **1st – 5th June - Beer Festival at the Social Club
with live music entertainment**



**3rd June - Platinum Picnic Party in the Paddock
1pm-7pm**

 **Art Exhibition by the Trunch Art Group and Floral
Display by the Garden Society in the Village Hall 1pm
– 4pm**

**3rd June – Unveiling of the restored village pump at
The Green by Duncan Baker MP 1pm -2pm**



**4th June - Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
THIS is MY THEATRE (Brighton) at St Botolph's Church 4pm &
7.30pm**



**4th June – Coffee Morning and Exhibition of Art by
Trunch Art Collective at the Methodist Church 10am-
12noon**

See Local Posters and the Mardle for further details

Platinum Picnic Party in the Park - Programme

1.00pm - 2.00pm Musicology Disco ••••• 2.00pm - 2.30pm Ade Cockburn

2.30pm - 3.15pm Musicology Disco •••••••• 3.15pm - 4.00pm Dave

Burns

4.00pm - 4.15pm Punch & Judy ••••• 4.15pm - 4.45pm Wrong

Direction

4.45 pm - 5.15pm Musicology Disco ••••• 5.15pm - 6.00pm Sharon

Hayman

6.00 pm - 6.30pm Musicology Disco

1.00pm - 2.30pm Wellie Throwing ••••• 3.00pm - 4.00pm Tug O'War

Times subject to change

Amusements throughout the afternoon -Everything is Free entry

Competitions to see who is the best at Wellie Tossing and the Tug O'War

Entrance to the Paddock is via Knapton Road opposite the Village Hall

Date:.....

Signed.....