

**WEST ACRE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2015**  
**AT THE VILLAGE HALL,**  
**COMMENCING 7pm.**

An Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7pm.

Those present were: Sally Bridle, Eoghan Sheils, Henry Birkbeck, Antonia Hanbury, Jeremy Cameron (Councillors) and Lorraine Copeman (Parish Clerk).

Also present were: Stuart Nairn (Rector), Belinda Bush, Ralph Sliwa, Sue Filer, Colin Filer (Residents), Martin Hickey (West Acre Theatre).

Apologies from: Jim Moriarty (Borough Councillor), Philip Welham (Billiards Club).

**1. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting:** These were approved and signed.

**2. Report of the Parish Council:** The Chairman read her report for the year which can be found in the folder.

**3. To hear reports from groups working in the village:**

**a) Church:** Stuart Nairn (Rector) read his report for the year which can be found in the folder.

Henry asked for details regarding quicker Broadband, Stuart Nairn replied that once the engineer had made his visit he would have more details and would pass them on to Henry.

**b) Borough Council:** Lorraine Copeman gave Jim Moriarty's apology stating that he was at a meeting in King's Lynn and that he would make a full report at the next meeting he is able to attend. The email he sent can be found in the folder.

**c) County Council:** Lorraine Copeman stated that she had had no reply to the emails she had sent.

**d) PCSO:** Lorraine Copeman read out the email Deborah Pearson (PCSO) had sent which can be found in the folder.

Sue Filer stated that the damage to the gates had been reported to the Police which was not mentioned in the report.

The Councillors agreed that they all were concerned that West Acre had no Police cover.

**Action :** Sally Bridle to contact the Police with regards to this matter.

**e) Village Hall:** Henry read his report for the Old Village Hall which can be found in the folder.

Colin Filer asked if there were going to be two accounts for both halls. Henry replied that until the New Village Hall Ltd became a charity the two accounts could not be put together. Once it becomes a charity the existing village hall account will be transferred, making only one account.

Ralph Sliwa read his report for the New Village Hall which can also be found in the folder. He also stated that the New Village Hall could take a minimum of two years to be completed. Henry stated that there were many volunteers working hard to raise funds for the New Village Hall.

**100 Club:** Ralph read his report stating the 100 Club is a fund-raising scheme, which held its first draw in April 2015. To date the prize money amounting to £356.80 has been distributed, with £532.80 going into the development fund. He stated that there were still numbers available, either on a long term basis, or for a one off purchase. This report can be found in the folder.

**f) Billiards Club:** Eoghan Sheils read out the report in the absence of Philip Welham who runs the club. The report can be found in the folder.

**g) Carpet Bowls:** Belinda Bush (Captain/Treasurer WACBC) read out her report, which can be found in the folder.

**h) Youth Club:** Antonia Hanbury read out her report, which can be found in the folder. Antonia also stated that they are always looking for volunteers to help run the youth club.

**i) Art club:** Ralph Sliwa read out his report, which can be found in the folder. He reported that at the moment the club is running at a loss (£214.90). Sally asked if the club could continue if running at a loss. Ralph stated that they had had a lot of expenditure on materials and hoped the club would continue.

**j) Theatre:** Martin Hickey (Liaison Officer for the Theatre) introduced himself and read the report for the Theatre, which can be found in the folder. Jeremy Cameron (Councillor), who is the Liaison Officer from the Parish Council to the Theatre, stated that there had been no liaison at all. Mr Hickey assured Jeremy he would be in contact with him in the future.

**k) Canine Training Group:** Lorraine stated there had been no reply from the group.

**l) West Acre Friends Group:** Ralph Sliwa read the following report: This group has been meeting since February this year. The aim of the group is to provide an opportunity for people to meet up, chat and play games for example Scrabble and cards. We also have drinks and delicious cakes. So far 22 people have attended the sessions which has enabled us to make a small profit of £2. It would be wonderful if more people could come to the sessions. They run from 2-4pm on the first Wednesday of the month at the village hall. Everyone is welcome. This report can be found in the folder.

#### **4) To invite comments from the audience:**

There were no comments.

**5) Close the meeting:** The meeting was closed at 7.40pm.