

GELDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting, Minutes

Held on Wednesday
10th April 2019, Village Hall
GELDESTON 7.00PM



Parish Councillors present: L. Rowntree, L. Keep, R. Ashe, A. Norman (Chair person) and I. Ansell.

1. Chairman's Welcome

- a. To receive apologies for absence. – Cllr Dawnay
- b. 11 members of the public were present. J Crowfoot also attended.

2. To receive an update from the Chairperson:

The report was delivered by Vice Chairperson Cllr Norman – Thanked the Councillors for all the work they have done over the past year. We are all volunteers; we do not get expenses or any perks for being a Councillor. We try to help everyone, but it is not always possible. This year consisted off:

Helped a small part with some grants for the refurbishment of the hall, the hall is amazing, well done. Tried to stop the development of Kell's Way. Introduction of the Speed Watch campaign. Submitted a request for a Speed Awareness Machine jointly with Ellingham and Kirby Cane Parish Council.

Being a Councillor for a Parish Council, you are put in a difficult position, somethings we are directly responsible for and somethings we are not. We have no power over the roads or the footpaths. Thank you to the Clerk, she is the only paid person and has had tremendous amount of training this year. A thank you also to the volunteers, Green Project and Allotments and the Litter Pick.

Elections: This year is the end of the current tenure of this Parish Council, we have elections, two long standing councillors will be standing down. One new councillor is standing. We are uncontested again this time. Good Luck to those standing. Please note we still have two councillor vacancies going forward.

3. Presentation from the Let's Play Project:

The Parish Council decided, on recommendation from the project team, to shortlist the best two suppliers, based on design ideas and value for money. The project team are currently seeking your views and feedback which will help decide which supplier should be chosen for the playground restoration. **The Let's Plat Project** team showcased the two shortlisted suppliers. The parishioners attending looked at the design ideas and supplier equipment brochures. There is currently a display in the Village hall. Final chance to give your views, please look at Parish Council website.

4. Networking questions and answers:

There was a poster on the noticeboard and on the parish council website, asking for anonymous suggestions of positives and negatives about the village and the parish council. We did not receive any, which is a shame.

- (a) Three things in the village that you like and are happy about – Village sign in the process of being repaired, Green Project and allotments, friendly dog walkers, Parish Council paid for the

water when it was extremely hot last year, on the green activities in the summer, wildlife, the famous Geldeston Night sky and two lovely pubs.

- (b) Three things that you think could be improved – Speeding within the village, give-way signs not clear or visible at the bottom of The Street, shooting on the marshes, too much litter, some coming from McDonalds, poor broadband speeds, Loddon School does not slow down when driving through the village, PIR lights and night lights that stay on all night, stones in the road need to be swept back, play area, clubs/youth clubs for younger people.

There is a new broadband box planning to be installed in November 2019

5. **Close for drinks and nibbles:** These were distributed throughout the meeting.
6. The Council presented to Cllrs Norman and Ashe some drinks as a token of their thanks for all the support they have given while on the Council. We will be sorry to see them retire from the Council.

Date of next parish meeting: Wednesday 15th May 2019, 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed

Signed:

(Chairman)