

Draft minutes

Annual Parish Meeting of Swafield and Bradfield

Held on Tuesday 6th March 2018

At 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Swafield

1. Present

Mr Ernie Alexander - Chairman of the Parish Council
Ten parishioners

2 In Attendance

Steve Robinson and Chris Blaxell - Bradfield Cricket Club
Ros Calvert - Clerk of the Parish Council

3 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 7 May 2017, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman

4 Apologies for absence were received from Mr Robert Clabon

5 Parish Council - Chairman's Report 2018 (Ernie Alexander)

"Good evening ladies and gentlemen,

My report this year begins with my concerns and disappointments regarding the treatment of some of our residents by Anglian Water. As we pointed out in our original request for sewerage, the residents most in need of these works live down Bradfield Road. These are now the people that are not being connected. In my opinion this shows very little regard for these people, or the environment and is driven by financial concerns on the part of Anglian Water as they have chosen the easiest and cheapest option.

We have not refused any planning applications this year – however I have concerns regarding the new builds in Mundesely, Trunch and Knapton, as any additional building will cause extra traffic through the village

The village event, which is a joint venture between the P.C. and the Village Hall was once again a great success. Our thanks to all who helped. We raised £2,321.43 which we divided equally. The P.C. then gave grants to:

1. The Village Hall. (To help with the interior update)
2. Bradfield Cricket Club. (Towards updating their club hut)
3. Cutting the Village Green
4. Swafield and Bradfield Churches (to help with the maintenance of the churchyards)

We hope to hold another similar event this year.

The Village Speedwatch team is still active. A new speed gun had been provided which is more accurate. More volunteers would be welcome.

The defibrillator is checked every week, and a report emailed to the Community Heartbeat Trust.

My thanks go to Ros for her work, keeping us up to date with all the new rules and regulations, and for her willingness to participate in training courses as necessary.

Ted has resigned from the council this year. I would like to thank him for all his work over the past years.

We now have two new members, Tim Payne and Charlie Sylvester.

It is good to see the work on the canal progressing. It is a valued asset to the village. How long before we see the return of the wherries??

My thanks go to all members for attending meetings and supporting me over the past year. Thanks also to all members of the public who have attended.

This concludes my report.”

There were no questions to the Chairman

6. Annual Reports from Local Groups

1. Swafield Village Hall

Tim Payne gave a presentation on the recent activities and plans at Village Hall. The presentation was given using the recently installed projector and screen and took the meeting through the work carried out to improve the building, the heating, kitchen etc which all make it more appealing to hirers.

The hall is used on a regular basis by a few regular groups including the Parish Council. The committee have also put on a number of ‘Cinema Nights’ which have proven popular and just about cover the outgoing costs. These will continue whilst popular.

Swafield Village Hall now has a Facebook page where activities are advertised which can use to contact the Committee there is a link to this on the Parish Council’s website

AGM of the Village Hall Committee – 17 April 2018

Village Fete - 30th June 2018

2. Swafield Church – Irene Golden

“My name is Irene Golden, and I was churchwarden at St Nicholas Church, Swafield for 34 years.

Our church is now a Chapel of Ease. We were one of the very first parishes to become a Chapel of Ease in the Norwich Diocese. This all happened in June 2012 after long discussions with our PCC members. We had been warning the parish of this happening but our Rector, Rod Key, only received one abusive

phone call from a villager who didn't leave his name ... nothing else was forthcoming from the village. The congregation had shrunk to five of us and we were all ageing and unable to continue.

We can hold weddings, but a special licence had to be obtained from the Archbishop of Canterbury first. Funerals of folk living in the village go ahead as do baptisms.

There are only two parishioners from Swafield who regularly attend Trunch Church who used to come to Swafield. Trunch is now our Benefice along with Bradfield. The official name Trunch with Swafield and Bradfield PCC. We have one PCC covering these parishes and our Rector is Rev Andrew Jones. All our finances are with Trunch now although I believe there is an account for monies dedicated to the fabric of Swafield Church.

We have been lucky to have three folk from the village who clean the church on a regular basis.

I seem to have gained the responsibility 'looking after' St Nicks and my husband, Peter, helps me with this. I am willing to pass on any enquiries to the Rector and my contact details are displayed at the church and on 'A Church Near You' on the internet."

3. Bradfield Cricket Club

Presentation to Swafield & Bradfield Parishes meeting: 6th March 2018 by Steve Robinson and Chris Blaxell

"Bradfield C.C., founded 1885, leases its ground from the Alston family at Bradfield Hall. Their long standing support for the club has been critical to its survival.

The Club currently has 2 Saturday teams in the Norfolk Alliance, one team in the Mid-Norfolk Sunday Cricket League, and one team in the mid-week Over 40s Norfolk League. In addition, the Youth section fields teams at U11, U13 and U15. We also participate in the ECB sponsored "All Stars" programme aimed at encouraging younger children (Years 4-8 years) to take up cricket. This programme was initiated last year. For further comment on Youth/Children's cricket see below.

Team performances last year:

1st X promoted as champions from Division 2 in 2016, finished last season in mid-table.

2nd XI finished sixth in Division 6

Sunday XI - finished a creditable 3rd and fulfilled all its fixtures.

Over 40s XI finished mid-table [this is a social evening 20:20 league]

Youth teams:

U11s – The U11s had a very good season. In the Alliance competition they won all but one (against a strong Acle side) of the group matches and progressed to the semi-finals where they were only able to field a materially understrength side against a very strong Great Melton team. All but one of the squad will move up to U13s next year which should greatly strengthen that age group.

U13s – Only 3 games in the Alliance competition due to adverse weather and non-fulfilment of fixtures by other clubs, plus 1 friendly and 1 tour game.

U15s – The under 15s had a very good season winning 5 out of 7 of their league fixtures. The two games lost were against very strong opposition – Cromer and Horsford both of whom mainly consisted of under 15-year players whereas we were made up generally of half under 14 and half under 13 age players.

The Club has a programme of delivering cricket to local primary schools. Last year 4 schools were involved. We went into the schools and coached over 100 children many of whom had never played cricket before and it was a great success thanks to the efforts put in by the coaches.

One of the club coaches has also delivered single free sessions at North Walsham Sports Centre each holiday and half term over last 2 years.

Under 9s recruitment was a great success on the back of the All Stars programme. Free sessions were where other new players joined the club and hopefully we can get some more this year doing the same.

Facilities:

Our experienced and dedicated groundsmen have consistently produced good quality wickets and outfield for many years, and both of which are considered among the best in the county, with square ranked consistently in the top two.

The Clubhouse although maintained by the members has been adjudged to need very substantial repair and upgrading, as much of it was fundamentally in a poor state. The core of the building is made up of pre or early post-War prefabricated Nissen hut type materials, to which block extensions have been added.

The present rebuild project sees the extensive revamping and repair of the existing structure, with an extension thereto, which introduces much needed new facilities. These include a women's changing room, disabled access, new showers and better changing rooms, and a much improved social area.

The project has been launched with the support from the local community, from architects, quantity surveyors, builders, building materials suppliers, as well as from institutions such as yourselves, from private individuals and businesses, and from Club members. Fundraisers in the Club have also successfully accessed sports and other grants of various types. We are still fundraising and in the process of seeking finance to cover the immediate shortfall.

The foundations work commenced just before Christmas and material progress has been made, and we are “on track” to deliver the building in time for the start of the season at the end of April. The photos attached, taken last month, show the blockwork of the extension, and the roof already completed. The windows will be installed this week. Internal walls are also near completion”

7. **Open Forum** – there were no comments

8. **There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40 pm.**

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Chairman

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Date