

Draft Minutes of **Foulsham Annual Parish Meeting**
held on **Wednesday 8th May 2019** at **19:00**
in the **New Frost Hall**

Present: G. Fearn (Chair) L. Riddett S. Stilgoe
K. Hambrook C. Ferris G. Peck

In attendance: Clerk, A Macnair (Secretary to Foulsham Relief in Need) and one parishoner

Apologies: None

001. Minutes of previous meeting, held on 30th May 2018: L Riddett proposed that the minutes be approved, seconded by S Stilgoe. Motion carried.

002. Chairperson's Report: G. Fearn presented the chairperson's report:

We have had a year of highs and lows over the past 12 months. During the last few months of 2018 we had a number of problems with the contractors who were engaged to maintain the playing field, churchyard and various small pieces of grassed areas about the village. We found the work was not as contracted and, after some discussion, we managed to terminate the contract at no cost and engaged a local contractor from the village, which has turned the playing field into a better facility, especially as we have a new football club moving onto the facility from Longham. Over the year, we have added a zip wire to the play area and, last week, we had installed a 4 piece outdoor gym set which was funded by Section 106 money.

I would urge residents of the village to use the bottle bank and paper bank from which we get recycling credits, which helps fund various projects around the village. Our clerk found a way to repair a concrete lamp post in the market place as it was beginning to crumble. The repair was at reasonable cost and brought the light back into use.

We were asked to approve the re-appointment of two trustees for the Foulsham Relief in Need charity which, after a quick discussion, we did. The charity looks after the needs of the less able in Foulsham who need a helping hand at times and in various ways.

The end of September was our low point as we lost our deputy chair when Richard Hendry died. He was a long serving deputy chair and councillor and out fount of knowledge for all things Foulsham and surrounding area, and he is greatly missed.

We also have two councillors standing down this year; Peter Slapp and Neil Walker. Peter has been on the PC on and off for many years, has worked hard for the PC and will be missed for his input of knowledge of various events in the Parish. We wish him all the best for the future and thank him for his support. Neil is also standing down as he has moved to Reepham after retiring from the ministry. I thank him for his support and voice of reason which will be sorely missed.

I would like to thank the litter pick group who try to keep the village tidy and is organised by Charles and Judy Levine.

Finally, I would like to thank the Hendry family for supplying the Christmas tree and Paul Lake for putting the lights on the tree.

With that, I conclude my report for the year and apologise for any highs or lows which I have missed.

Thank you.

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- 003. New Frost Hall Charman's Report:** The Clerk read out the report from Mr John McManus.
- 004. Foulsham Relief in Need Report:** A Macnair read out the report of the Trustees of the Foulsham Relief in Need Charity.
- 005. District Councillor's Report:** G Peck reported on the current offshore windfarm projects which will have a local impact over the next 8 to 10 years as two 110km cables are installed across the county. The collaboration of back-room services between Broadland and South Norfolk District Councils is estimated to make savings of £8.5M over 5 years and Norfolk County Council is tasked with identifying £70M of savings/income due to a reduction in funding from central government.
- 006. Any Other Business:** None.

Meeting closed at 19:30