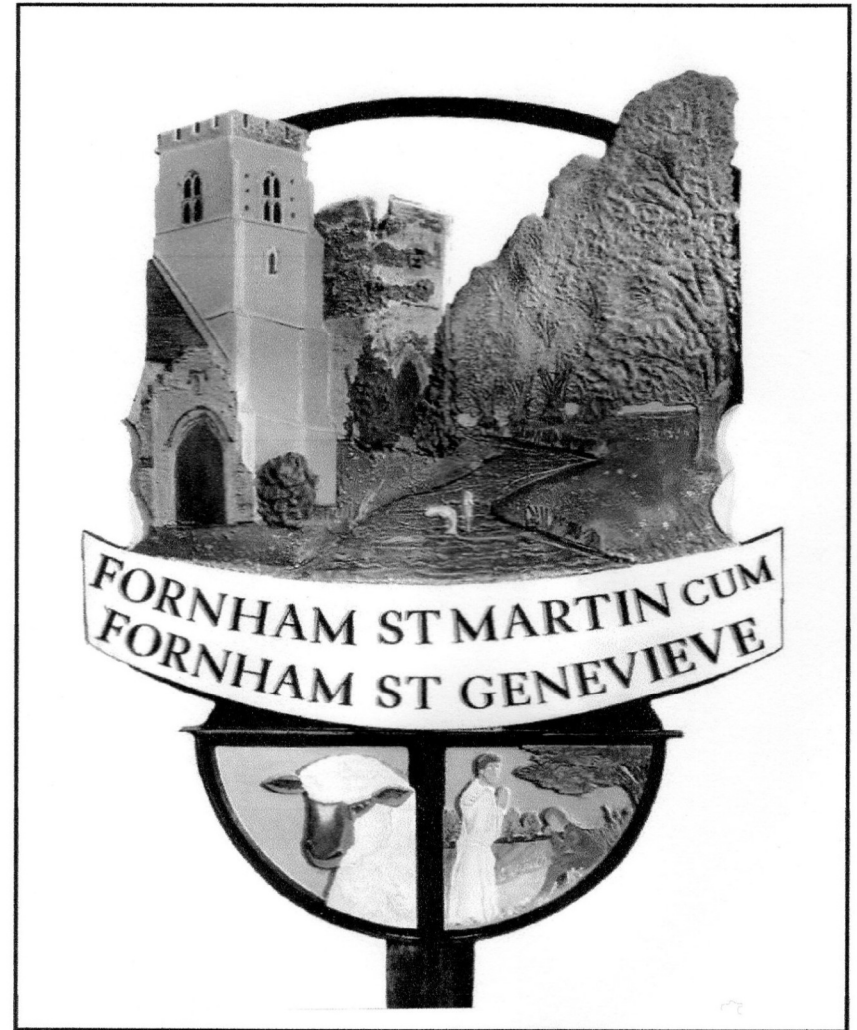


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Monday	5:30 pm & 7:30 pm	Slimming World
Tuesday	10:00 am to 12 noon	Mums & Toddlers* *
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Friday	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas Hospice

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Monthly

1st Wed	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Sewing Craft
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1st Thurs		
1st Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
2nd Tues	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Garden Club (not January)
2nd Wed		
3rd Mon	10:00 to 12 noon	Probus Ladies
3rd Wed	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Card Making (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)
3rd Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Ladies Club
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3rd Sun		
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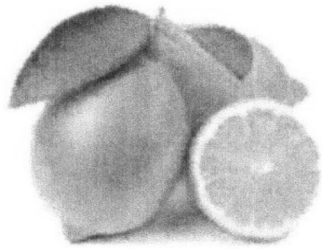
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Our meeting on Tuesday was an interesting talk given by Valmay Young from the Suffolk Records Office. She explained how to delve into the past and how to find out about our ancestors. It takes time and a lot of patience. One mustn't be in a hurry. Starting with the present and carefully working back generation after generation. Through parish records birth and death certificates. No rush. Nowadays it can all be done on line and for free. Valmay told us of several web sites to pursue like Find my Past Family Search and Ancestry. Of course we are still able to go to the Records Office and pay for assistance. Four of our members are lucky enough to have a tour of the Suffolk Records Office on June 17th. We were very happy to welcome three new members who have all signed up for our June meeting which is a visit to **Wroham Barns and a 2 hour trip on the river**. Please let the sun shine on the **5th of June**. If anyone would like to hear **Bryan Thurlow talk about the 1960 Burston School Strike on July 3rd** you are very welcome.

Margaret Leeder 01284761231

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LADIES CLUB

As Ladies Club members gathered on the evening of **Wednesday 21 February** there was an unusual hush in the hall. Seated at the front was a tall figure dressed in a hooded black robe, bowed as if in prayer. This was Alex, Bury St Edmunds' very own "monk" and leader of "Bawdy tours". The reverential hush was soon replaced with laughter as Alex took us on an indoor seated version of his town walking tour. We are blessed in Bury St Edmunds with a wealth of historic buildings, many of which have interesting and amusing stories attached but some tell more sinister and sometimes macabre stories. His talk was illustrated with photographs of the buildings that, on his normal tour, would be arrived at on the walk. He introduced us to many of the residents, a few we had heard of like Margaret of Anjou, Ann Marten and Cnut but many were new to us like Edward Crisp, John Wrawe and John de Norton.

Thank you Alex for an evening full of history, geography, comedy and occasionally terror!

21st March found us watching and listening with interest as Ron Davis set up his lathe. Ron is a founder member of the local association of Wood Turners, a group currently growing in number. He talked about his own interest in working with wood. He explained the different qualities various woods have and passed round samples for us to see and feel. He demonstrated the many tools he uses and gradually, as we watched, the piece of Ash he was turning on the lathe became a beautiful small vase. He next made a child's rolling pin and board. Finally he created a fairy toadstool. Ron generously donated these pieces for our raffles - tonight and next month when we have our Charity Raffle. As Ron worked, the floor, his apron and some members in the front row became sprinkled with delicate wood shavings! A lovely demonstration Ron, thank you.

Wednesday 18 April was Open to all - family, friends and Gardeners. Our speaker, Bryan Thurlow, introduced us to "The Perennial Mr Potter", giving a very amusing performance as this fictitious Victorian gardener. We gained insight into life on a large estate in Victorian times and the very different situation for a village boy. A plant sale and raffle took place. We were delighted to raise £100 for this year's charity, Diabetes UK.

On **16 May** we will visit Pakenham Water Mill. 7pm start. Partners invited, £12 including refreshments.

Wednesday 20 June - PG Wodehouse - a talk by David Lily"

Our final meeting before our Summer Break will be the "Summer Supper and Quiz" for members and partners on **Wednesday 18 July**. Please bring a small plate of food to share.

For more information about Fornham Ladies Club contact secretary Beryl Dykes 704109 A warm welcome awaits you. Mary Payne



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GARDEN CLUB

Fornham Garden Club held its AGM on 10 April; it was well attended. The Chairman presented her review of the 2017/18 programme. The Treasurer presented the accounts and, in view of the healthy balance sheet, indicated that the membership and visitor fees would remain the same for the year ahead. Some changes were made to the committee and the Programme Secretary gave details of the new schedule, including the forthcoming outings for the 2018/19.

With the formalities concluded, the evening's speaker was introduced. Jenny Gibbs, who had been sitting very quietly at the side of the hall throughout the formal proceedings, suddenly emerged from the side door of the hall wearing traditional and colourful Turkish clothes. She started with a brief introduction explaining how her life had been transformed when in 1994 (aged 50) she travelled to Turkey and met her husband who came from a village inland from the coast. Nowadays, the couple split their time between homes in England and the Turkish village. Jenny gave a very entertaining talk about silk and local traditions surrounding the industry. The talk contained many amusing personal anecdotes about the first year in her new home, including having to incubate silkworm eggs under her clothing! She illustrated her talk with pashminas and scarves from Turkey. These beautiful, soft and well-crafted products were available for sale. There was no shortage of buyers. Her website is: www.turkishtalks.com.

On 8 May we welcomed Susanna Davies of Katie's Garden, a plant centre near Woodbridge. "Katie" of Katie's Garden is Susanna's daughter who at a young age enjoyed growing plants from seeds. Supply began to outstrip local demand and this led eventually to the creation of the plant centre as a more permanent outlet. Susanna's talk, "A Year Around the Nursery", was illustrated by a vast selection of plants from her nursery. The display certainly brightened up the front of the village hall! She walked us through an average year starting in the spring, when she has to judge how many plugs of bedding plants to buy and grow on, through to summer with sales of perennials, many grow from seed, into winter which is typified by slower sales. Susanna explained how tricky it is to plan for garden fashions – a word from Monty on Gardeners' World can see an influx of buyers in search of a specific plant the following day!! Susanna (a professionally trained cellist) and her husband (a boat builder) have no formal horticultural training, but they and their small team all bring skills learned in former "lives" to the running of Katie's Garden (www.katiesgarden.co.uk) and their mid-Suffolk plant centre, Bridge Farm Plants (www.bridgefarmplants.co.uk) Plants (www.bridgefarmplants.co.uk).

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On Sunday 13 June, we visited Hoveton Hall, just outside Wroxham, Norfolk (www.hovetonhallestate.co.uk). The 620-acre estate includes parkland, gardens, and woodland, as well as arable and grazing land. Visiting at this time of year meant we were able to enjoy the truly magnificent display of azaleas and rhododendrons. Although it was a bit soggy underfoot, it was possible to stroll up to the newly renovated Grade II listed glasshouse. This was set in a lovely location and provided a great view across the parkland. Another wonderful feature was the walled garden, entered via a large and stylish wrought iron gate (although maybe not for arachnophobes?); definitely something to return to when the herbaceous plants are out. Most of us took advantage of the excellent café to have lunch before we set off for Hindringham Hall, near Fakenham (www.hindringhamhall.org). These gardens surround a moated manor house, which dates from the 1530's, and provided a great deal of variety and interest. On entering the gardens, visitors pass through a walled vegetable and fruit garden, onto an iris and delphinium walk, and then into a copse, which in turn leads into an area of medieval fishponds. On the moat we all admired the pair of black swans and their 3 cygnets, which were very photogenic! The stream garden, formal garden and Victorian nut walk were also all appreciated, as was the excellent "tea and cake".

The club meeting on 12 June will be an evening visit to the gardens at Moat House, Little Saxham.

Detail of the 2018/2019 outings programme are given below. There are still spaces on these trips and if any members or non-members are interested in any of these outing, please telephone Michael Clark on 01284 750125

Fri 15 June *BBC Gardener's World Live and Summer Food show, NEC Birmingham*

Sun 22 July *Two course Sunday Lunch at the Earle Arms, Heydon, Norfolk and visit to Corpusty Mill Gardens, Corpusty, North Norfolk*

Sun 5 Aug *RHS Hyde Hall, with Essex Annual Summer Flower Show*

Wed 5 Sept *Althorp House and Gardens, Northamptonshire*

The Garden Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at **7:30 pm** in Fornham St Martin Village Hall. Membership is £13 per year with visitors paying £3 per visit. For further information please contact the Chairman, Frances Harpley on **01284 755876**.

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Public Forum:

2 Members of the public were present.

County & Borough Councillor

Cllr. Hopfensperger was not present at the meeting.

Clerks Report:

The Clerk advised that she is currently working on the end of year accounts for 2017/18, and the Internal Audit with Mijan Ltd is booked for Monday 23rd April.

The Clerk is currently working on the agendas for the Annual Meetings and is sending out invites for the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Clerk advised that she will be booking Councillor Training for Cllr. Borrett and Cllr. Flaherty in August and Cllr. J. Hubbard in May.

Planning and Environment:

District Ward Boundaries Consultation Update

The consultation has now ended and will now go to Full Council at the end of April, it will then go before the LGBCE for final approval.

Update on DC/16/2792/FUL – Dream Lodges, Marham Park Appeal

Revised comments have been submitted on behalf of the Parish, the appeal is still ongoing.

WSOH / CLG Update

The CLG meeting was held last week, it was announced that the contractors have been agreed and they have a reputation for strong community involvement. The next meeting is on 3rd May, when representatives of the contractors will be present to discuss communication and any concerns.

The Archaeological investigation is now completed. The temporary road for aggregate deliveries and the porta cabins for offices/toilets are expected to be in place in the next 2-3 weeks. Things are likely to start progressing from May. There have been some changes made to the foundations (Piling). It has been stressed that feedback is appreciated and wanted.

Finance & Policies:

Parish Council Bank Balances and Reconciliation from list of payments and receipts and to approve bills for payment

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Barton Hill Verges (Moles & Anglian Water Update)

Anglian Water had responded to the Clerks complaint photos of the area concerned have been sent to them for further investigation, thanks to Cllr. Borrett and her husband for their help with the photos and information requested. The Daffodils do look magnificent in the village.

The Moles are causing a problem again in the entrance to Lark Valley, on the verge next to the field and also as you turn left on Barton Hill; the island between the footpath and road (grass bank) on the opposite side of the road. Cllr. Collier is to contact the Mole man to deal with the problem.

The Clerk is still chasing Cllr. Hopfensperger regarding the gully's on the Bypass and the flooding at the BMW garage.

Highways & Footpaths:

Update on Tayfen Road Junction Improvements

The following update was given by Jane Storey, Deputy Leader Roads & Transport;

'Roundabouts are better for keeping the traffic moving and this is what we have put in place. The hold ups may come from traffic waiting to turn up Station Hill – but it would be quicker, and safer, for that traffic to go to the roundabout and then either come back along Out Northgate or travel along Tayfen Road to the next, mini-roundabout. You will have picked up that we are not removing the small roundabout, [yet], instead we are waiting to see what effect the Bury plans for the bus station development and other developments in the area have on the traffic flow. We have listened to local people and are taking stock before proceeding.

The works at Tollgate are certainly in our plans – but this is work that the Marham Park developer agreed to do so we are waiting on them.'

The Clerk reported that the RPA had a response regarding their petition letters sent to Sue Cook CEO SCC, a meeting is to be arranged. The Parish needs to compile a list of points to raise, to be forwarded before the meeting.

The Clerk was asked to report the eroded drain/tarmac on the Street, on the left between the Woolpack and Barton Hill and also large pothole along the new widened footpath on the B1106 Thetford Road, near Bleak House.

Correspondence:

The Clerk gave an update regarding the letter received at the last meeting from a resident who was concerned that another resident had, hired a contractor to remove branches from a Yew Tree on her land, without asking her permission. The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted the Tree Officer on the residents' behalf and they were investigating the issue. The Clerk



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has informed the resident concerned and provided them with the Reference number and contact details for the Officer at SEBC.

The Clerk advised that a further correspondence had been received from another resident regarding the rumour of a footpath from Russell Baron Road Estate to the bridge at the Bypass (first bridge over Fornham Road towards Town, gate owned by British Sugar). The resident advised that the Ramblers Association has requested the footpath and it is believed the Water Meadows Association, British Sugar and SCC are planning a footpath. It is believed that council workmen have already been along the area with chain saws to see if they can get through and British Sugar have allowed a cutting vehicle to access from their side by driving down their land along the back of the gardens of Manners Road which leads to the area affected. St Edmundsbury Council confirmed to the resident late last year, after the garden of No 20 Kytson Rd had been sold, that they knew about it and there was a problem at the time with British Sugar so nothing could be done on the footpath at that time. They said Suffolk Council could help but could not say who was dealing with it. The Clerk is to contact the parties involved and SEBC/SCC and investigate what is actually happening and enquire about notification and consultation.

Meeting Closed 9:10pm

DRAFT Minutes

Annual Parish Meeting of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve held in the Village Hall, at 7pm on THURSDAY 10th MAY 2018.

Present Parish Council: Cllr. M. Collier, Cllr. P. Forster, Cllr. P. Borrett, Cllr. J. Hubbard, Cllr. G. Hubbard & Cllr. L. Flaherty. Clerk, Vicky Bright.

Also Present: Rebecca Hopfensperger – SEBC/SCC,
 David Yates – St Martin's Church,
 Maureen Hockett – VHC,
 Beryl Dykes – Ladies Club,
 PC Andre De Jongh (SNT).

4 Members of Public were in attendance.

Cllr. Mike Collier presides as Chair of the meeting.

Approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 11th May 2017

Resolved APM18/05/1

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11th May 2017 were adopted as a true statement and signed by the Chairman (MC).

ANNUAL REPORTS

Report from the Parish Council Chairman (Cllr. Mike Collier)

The first few months of the Parish Councils year were again taken up with the West Suffolk Operational Hub (WOSH) Planning Application. We are all now aware of course that the Application was agreed by the Development Committee on the second submission after some procedural shenanigans. Your Parish Council together with the support of the Parish Councils of Great Barton and Fornham All Saints together with a number of residents who provided expert advice and fought long and hard however we failed to win the day. Going forward the Parish Councils each will have a representative on the Community Liaison Group (CLG). This group was formed in the early stages of the Planning Application and will continue to function until the WSOH is completed and operational. This will give the Parish Councils the opportunity to monitor the development and to raise any residents concerns in a timely manner.

The village playing field trusteeship which was not correctly assigned has now been changed and clarified to reflect that the Parish Council now has responsibility for its upkeep and future use. This will remain in perpetuity and will ensure that this facility continues to be a village asset, and that no unwanted developments can ever take place. I would like to thank our clerk Vicky Bright for all her advice and hard work on achieving this outcome, as I know it has been very time consuming and legally complicated.

After the unfortunate willful damage to the VAS machine some time ago it is now back in use. It is now being deployed in three separate areas of the village where it remains for three week periods. Without doubt when in use in The Street it definitely has a positive effect on speeding. Your Parish Council is considering getting a second machine, providing funds can be made available.

We have spent some of our precious resources on updating and repairing the Trim Trail signage and the children's play area, I am sure you will all agree this was money well spent.

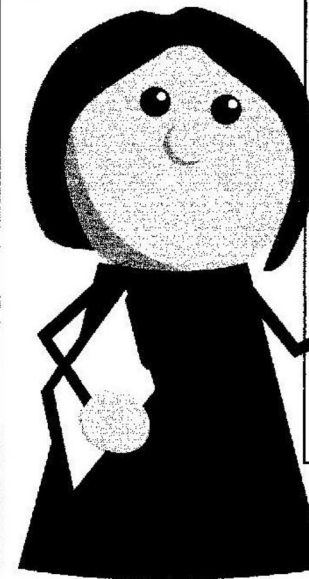
We are now very privileged to have our own village defibrillator. It is located in the old phone box which has been suitably converted for this purpose. We are indebted to the Lottery Fund and The Community Heartbeat Trust for funding the entire project. Again I would like to thank Vicky whose idea it was and who worked hard in managing the process through to completion.

A training course on how to effectively use the defibrillator was held in the village hall and was well attended by interested residents. We are grateful to

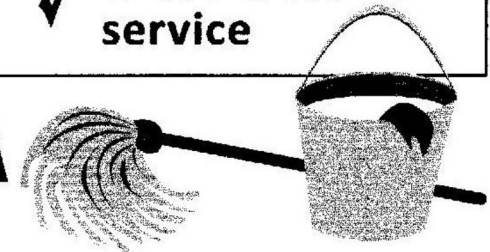
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Alan Reid a village resident who has volunteered to check the equipment on a weekly basis.

Last May David retired as our village litter picker and his replacements Donna and Laurie have continued his good work in keeping our village free from litter. We thank them both.

This year again has been a busy one, I would like to thank my Parish Council colleagues for their valuable contributions to Parish Council business. Furthermore, I would also like to thank Rebecca Hopfensperger for her professional advice and support, particularly around the WSOH Planning Application. Rebecca was unrelenting in her efforts to help us challenge the concept and this was greatly appreciated. Su and Pat Brooklyn continue to edit The Bugle and our gratitude goes to them for all their hard work. It is appropriate of course to also thank the team who give up their free time to deliver a Bugle to all households in the village. Also, a big thank you to Councillor Peter Forster who collects and sorts the Bugles ready for distribution. We are also lucky to have David Randall who keeps the weeds on the Trim Trail in order together with managing our Planters in the village. Thank you David. We continue as a village to have successful clubs and societies and we owe a debt of gratitude to all the volunteers who contribute their time to making them a success.

Our village hall would not be ready for all these popular clubs and societies if it was not for our new Caretaker Roger and our previous Caretaker Coleen who fills in when Roger is not available. Our thanks to them both.

Report from County & District Councillor, (Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger)

Suffolk County Council

Suffolk passes 90% fibre broadband milestone as commitment to connect entire county is reiterated

On 21 July 2017, new figures were published that show that nine out of every 10 homes and businesses in Suffolk now have superfast broadband available. Suffolk County Council and Openreach have signed a new contract to extend coverage to 98% during 2020. Plans are being developed for the remaining 2% to complete the Better Broadband for Suffolk programme.

Suffolk County Council's Children's Services continue to improve following Ofsted inspection

On 6 November 2017, it was announced that the council's Children's Services are now rated 'Good' in all areas.

Suffolk County Council's Children's Services were previously judged . . .

'Good' overall at the end of 2015, a grade that only a third of Local Authorities have achieved. Whilst this was positive, the council recognised that there were still areas for improvement and Ofsted's latest report reflects the action taken to improve in all areas. All areas are now judged to be 'Good'. This puts Suffolk County Council in the top 25% of all Local Authorities.

Suffolk County Council's 2018/19 budget proposals published

On 14 November 2017, proposals to balance Suffolk County Council's budget in 2018/19 were published. These included an option to increase the basic rate of council tax for the first time in seven years and a range of savings plans. The council has carefully considered financial forecasts and projected demand to ensure the most vulnerable people in society continue to receive the highest level of support possible in the future. The council also continues to develop new and innovative ways to deliver services and make further savings. This includes using digital technology to improve efficiency and ensuring health and social care services working better together to improve access for the people that need help. These programmes will support the authority as it seeks to make savings of £56 million by 2021.

Additional £21 million to resurface and repair Suffolk's roads

On 15 January 2018, Suffolk County Council announced new plans to invest an additional £21 million in resurfacing and repairing the county's roads in the next three years. The plans will see 1,000 miles of roads in Suffolk resurfaced by March 2021, a quarter of all the roads that Suffolk County Council is responsible for. This is a commitment made in the council's Our Priorities report published in 2017.

A reminder: You can access up-to-date information about roadworks, road and street closures and how they affect you, as well as information about road improvements projects in Suffolk. The interactive map can be found at www.suffolk.roadworks.org

Over 6,500 potholes repaired in Suffolk since January

Suffolk has seen over 6,500 potholes repaired since 1 January 2018; with a further 950 scheduled over coming weeks as the county council continues its war on potholes.

Police and Crime Commissioner Public Meetings and On-Tour Events

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has now confirmed dates for his 2018 series of Public Meetings and on-tour events, to be held in each of the seven district/borough areas across the County.

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Dates, times and venues are listed below, starting with Ipswich on 10 May, and can also be viewed on the PCC's website: <http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/>

Thursday 12 July, St Edmundsbury 7pm – 8:30pm

Venue: The Newbury Community Centre, St Olaves Road, Howard Estate, Bury St Edmunds IP32 6RW

In March 2018, Nicola Beach was appointed as Suffolk County Council's new Chief Executive.

St Edmundsbury Borough Council

Budget

St Edmundsbury Council have set a freeze on Council tax for 2018/2019 at £182.16 for band D properties. Suffolk County Council has set its precept at £43,341,465.01 resulting in a band D council tax of £1,242.54 a 4.99% increase including 3% for adult social care

One Council - West Suffolk Council

The orders to create West Suffolk Council through the merger of St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Forest Heath District Council have been passed by the house of commons and the House of Lords. The papers are expected to be signed by the Secretary of State by the end of May. The new council would better drive jobs, deliver services and continue investment to support local communities than the current arrangement. In addition, it would generate around £800,000 in savings and efficiencies and help protect the additional £4 million of annual savings already produced by sharing services.

At the same time a new council would also better support, invest in and meet the challenges facing communities, such as increased population, demand on health care and housing as well as reduced funding nationally. Both councils have also been making a strong case to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to make sure strong representation of local communities is maintained.

Part of the merger process is a review of the ward boundaries, it is proposed that the ward of Fornhams is merged with Gt Barton and will be represented by two councillors. These proposals were put to the Boundary Commission last month who will consult further on the proposals in the Summer. I put forward comments I received including ensuring that the Fornham have equal representation with Gt Barton including ensuring that the ward name reflects this by being called the Fornhams and Gt Barton ward.

Brown bins

Garden Waste Collection Service customers should have received a reminder to renew their subscription which is £40.00 per annum. This will be the third year of the service and we currently have around 30,000 customers who have paid using a variety of methods. Here is the link for signing up online: www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/gardenwaste

Bury St Edmunds Masterplan

After 20 events held across two periods of public engagement resulting in more than 8000 public comments, and many subsequent amendments, the final version of the Bury St Edmunds Town Centre Masterplan was adopted by St Edmundsbury Borough Council. The masterplan looks to shape how and where growth will happen in the town centre, to improve where improvements are needed and protect the things that people love best about the town centre.

Post Office

St Edmundsbury Borough Council has agreed to invest £6.72m in the former Post Office site. This prestigious redevelopment will bring huge social, economic, environmental and community benefits to the town.

Winter night shelter

This new shelter opened until the end of March. The centre provided support from people being referred by the housing team on 01284 757178. Just as with the temporary centre, the Council also continued to assist rough sleepers through referrals via the Bury Drop-In Centre and through speaking to people sleeping rough on the streets.

West Suffolk Operational Hub

The planning process of the WSOH has occupied a lot of my time, as well as the parish council's and the other supporters of the cause. I continued to object to placing the WSOH at Hollow Road Farm Farnham, unfortunately planning permission was granted and I would like to thank all those of you who took time to write, email respond to consultations and turn up to meetings to express your concerns. I believe we put up an extremely good fight and I was proud to be a representative of such a passionate community. There is now a community liaison group set up to keep everyone informed of progress on the site and to ensure residents have input into the design and operation of the site.

St Edmundsbury Locality Budget

I have supported the purchase of chairs for the village hall and new notice boards for parish. As well as the setting up of the River Lark Community

relaxer swing to enjoy the Summer, all with our grateful thanks for all her years conscientious and dutiful work for the church. At the next PCC meeting various officers will be appointed, probably Anita as Secretary and myself as Treasurer.

I attended the **FSM Parish Council AGM** on 10 May, to report on all the services we provided last year, and the active role the church continues to play in the life of the village, with all the various events we organise. 108 services were provided in total, in church alternating on Sundays and Tuesdays, in Fornham House for the residents, funerals in church and at the crematorium, baptisms and weddings, all attended by 2584 people in total, including 109 children, an increase of 484 (23%) over the previous year, mainly due to the 4 weddings.

We are **welcoming Anne and Peter Haselhurst** on 1st June during their visit to Bury. Anne was our Reader and Peter Churchwarden during the mid 1980 - 90's, and they now live in Scotland.

The **Summer Fete** is on **Saturday 7th July at Fornham House, 2pm**, so we look forward to welcoming lots of families and friends for the ever-popular stalls, games and teas. Offers of help always welcome, with donations for the stalls and refreshments. As usual we will be calling around the houses the week before to collect goods for the stalls, like books, produce, bottles and general bric a brac, so please help us with this. Without stocking the stalls, its not much of a fete.

At the time of writing we are busy with the annual **Christian Aid Week Collection**, with the usual red envelopes delivered to all houses, and collected a few days later, hopefully with something inside. The main focus this year is to help the population of Haiti, who not only suffered from the terrible earthquakes a few years ago but followed up by a disastrous hurricane. Christian Aid is very involved in helping them rebuild their lives, and homes. Thanks to all those involved in the collections, and everyone who has supported it.

Services as usual are at 10 am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, and 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, all as shown on the notice boards, with any additional occasional services like evensongs. All are very welcome, together with coffee afterwards.

David Yates, Churchwarden

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CHURCH NEWS

Our last **Book Sale Coffee and Cakes** was very enjoyable, although numbers were down a bit, probably due to the fine sunny weather on the Bank Holiday weekend. The last one in February was similar, but then it was snow! Good old English weather, never just right! We were very pleased though to raise £400 for our fabric fund, which will mainly go towards the annual £2,000 cost of maintaining the churchyard, grass cutting, hedge trimming, wall repairs etc. Thanks to everyone who helped and supported it. The next is in September.



Our **visitors book** is getting some entries since the church has been open since Ash Wednesday, from as far away as North Dakota, Texas, Winchester, and Badwell Ash. Just looking around in this case with families and young children, with some nice appreciative comments.

We were pleased to host the **Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary** for a service in April, well attended. The Guild is a group of lay altar servers, but can include clergy, which seeks to deepen the spiritual life of its members and support other servers. They hold their services in various churches in the area in rotation, and there are Chapters throughout England. The service includes swinging a thurible containing incense to enhance the mood of the ceremonies, which was conducted by Father Max from St Marys Church in Newmarket.

At the time of writing we look forward to **welcoming Mel Crown and Damian Elsdon for their wedding** shortly on 19 May, with young sons Reuben and Jacob, who helped make our Easter Garden in the porch. With moss and stones gathered from the churchyard, to form the tomb that Jesus was laid in after his crucifixion, and the 3 crosses on the hill, where he was crucified with two robbers.

We were pleased to hold a **baptism service for Harley Pearson** on 24 March, combined with the wedding of parents Kerryanne and Carl.

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** [AGM] was held on 25th March, to elect Churchwardens for the next year. Sylvia Hilton has stepped down after 11 dedicated years, and Beryl Dykes graciously stepped forward to take up this important post, and I was re-elected, together with Anita Rooney as Deputy Warden. Sylvia was presented with some beautiful roses and bush with a signed card and cheque, which she plans to put towards a garden

Group who carry out work on the River Lark.

Police Service Report/Q&A Session (PC Andre De Jongh, Suffolk Constabulary) Crime Stats June 2017 – May 2018:

June = 1 Criminal Damage & 6 Burglaries of outbuildings/businesses

July = 4 Arson & 1 Criminal Damage

August = 1 Criminal damage

Sept = 0

Oct = 1 Violence

Nov = 1 Violence & 1 Drug related crime

Dec = 3 Residential Burglaries & 3 Burglaries to sheds

Jan = 1 Criminal Damage, 1 Theft & 1 Violence

Feb = 1 Criminal Damage, 2 Residential Burglaries & 2 Burglaries to outbuildings/businesses

March = 1 Vehicle Damage, 1 Theft of a Vehicle & 2 Criminal Damage.

There has only been one incident of anti-social behaviour in the village. 2 out of 4 arrests were made on burglaries. There has been an increase in drugs related crimes in Bury St Edmunds, there is a dedicated team for these crimes and closure orders have been made on houses and dens. There has been a big arrest success, mainly due to the intelligence gathering from the PCSO's.

Crime stats may be influenced by the new crime recording system.

Report from St Martin's Church (David Yates)

The church had another very busy year in 2017, both in terms of attendances at weekly services, special services at church festivals like Easter and Christmas, weddings, funerals and baptisms as well as community events. Thanks go to our Priest in Charge, Revd Canon Mark Haworth and Hon. Assistant Priest Revd Sylvia Bareham for carrying out the majority of services during the year, supported by other team ministers when necessary.

1129 people attended the weekly services, including 61 children, that's 94 a month for the 2 services on Sundays and 2 on Tuesdays, but always room for a few more!

Additionally, we officiated at seven funeral services in church, six at the crematorium, 4 weddings and 4 baptisms for 1455 people altogether, including 48 children. 563 residents at Fornham House attended the weekly Communion Service over the year. In total 2584 benefitted from the 108 services held throughout 2017, an increase of 484 (23%) over the previous year, mainly from the 4 weddings, so the church is still very active in the life of the village.

We were pleased to see the Parish Council at the Remembrance Service, and hope this will encourage others to come to this important service in the nations heritage and remember the 15 fallen in the Great War from the village.

The church continues to be well cared for thanks to a small team of cleaners and flower arrangers, with favourable comments often heard by visitors from near and far. We also have a small fabric group who maintain the condition of the building and make improvements where feasible, practical and viable, under the strict guidance of the Diocese Authority, whose appointed Architect carries out detailed inspections every 5 years, the next in 2019, and makes recommendations for regular maintenance and repairs.

Our regular Book Sales Coffee and Cakes were held 3 times during the year and continue to be very popular, with people coming from the surrounding area as well as the village. As well as raising money for the church maintenance, they are a valuable social event, for folk to drop in and have a chat over a wide variety of refreshments.

Our regular concert by The Tudor Rose Singers was again well attended, and a very enjoyable social evening of mixed music with some organ pieces on our recently restored wind pipe organ, with a wine buffet. The annual fete was held at Fornham House in July, as it will be every year in future. Always a good day out with lots of stalls, games, tombola and prize draw etc. and teas, on a nice warm sunny day!....

We have recently held our Annual Meeting to elect a Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the coming year, meeting not less than 4 times a year. Sylvia Hilton has stood down after 11 years dedicated service, and David Yates and Beryl Dykes were elected as Churchwardens for the next year, together with Anita Rooney (Secretary) continuing as Deputy Warden and we are grateful to Heather Long, Sarah Cooledge, Joan Webb, Maureen Groves and Sylvia Hilton forming the rest of the PCC.

We have now received permission from the Diocese to remove a Yew near the War Memorial to give more space for the Remembrance Service and replace the lead water supply pipe with current specification plastic. The South Aisle Lady Chapel has been refurbished with a new blue carpet and matching chair cushions, including some essential floor repairs to joists and boards, discovered when the old worn carpet was removed. A detailed inspection has been carried out of the supporting framework to the 6 bells in the tower and

Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 14th June 2017 at 7:30pm, in the Village Hall.

Cllr. Collier advised that the Welcome pack software has now been updated and it is hoped that SEBC will print 50 copies.

The Clerk has received confirmation from Highways that the eroding tarmac around the drain on the Street, is to be repaired within 2 weeks. The Clerk is still waiting for response regarding the report on the potholes on the new widened footpath on the B1106, Thetford Road. Cllr. Hopfensperger has confirmed that she has requested Highways to clear the Gulleys on the Bypass and to investigate again, the flooding by the BMW Garage and at Barton Hill. The clerk is to attend the Parish Forum on 29th May 2018, where representatives from SCC Highways will be answering concerns from Parishes.

Meeting closed at 9:51pm

The Parish Council Minutes of Meetings will in future be submitted in an abbreviated report format to the Bugle. Full copies of Draft and Approved Minutes can be viewed on our website;

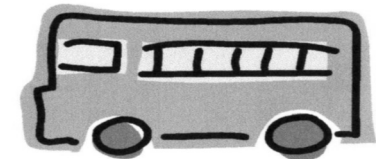
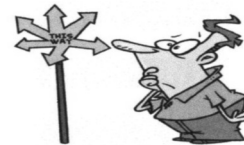
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changes have been suggested. The next step is that all the responses are sent to the Boundary Commission who will look at these and comeback in July with their recommendations. There will be period of Consultation with the Boundary Commission which will run from 3 July to 27 August this will be an opportunity for further submission to be sent too them, once this period is over they will look at these again and in October will issue the final order.

Finance & Policies:

Parish Council Bank Reconciliation from List of Payments/Receipts April 2017

Resolved 18/05/17.01.

That the bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman (MC). The bank account balance as of 1st May 2018 is £32,185.37

Cheques for signing and approval and to authorise payment of outstanding invoices

Resolved 18/05/16.02

It was agreed to approve the payments of the following outstanding invoices and the cheques were approved and signed by Cllr. G. Hubbard and Cllr. M. Collier.

Mr & Mrs L Pott	Litter picking	1994	£216.66
Mrs V Bright	Mileage, expenses and backdated pay rise Apr 18	1995	£38.18
Mrs V Bright	Office allowance 2018-19	1996	£208.00
Village Hall	Donation (LGA 1976 s19)	1997	£500.00
St Martins Church	Churchyard Maintenance donations (LGA 1972 s214 (6&8))	1998 1999	£500.00 £198.00
Toddler group	Donation (s137)	2000	£200.00
Elderbury Group	Donation (s137)	2001	£200.00
Computer Club	Donation (s137)	2002	£100.00

Update on Barton Hill Verges (Anglian Water)

Cllr. Borrett met with Anglian Water to discuss the issue of the Daffodil bulbs and verges being reinstated. Anglian Water have agreed to reinstate the bulbs at planting time. The Clerk is now to chase the grass cutting in the village with SCC/SEBC.

major works are required if the bells are to be brought back into full use again. The option of adding 2 bells is favoured, as this is an opportunity to complete to a full complement, at advantageous cost, so we are now looking for two benefactors. We would also like to improve the kitchen facilities on the ground floor, by creating an upper gallery ringing floor. Obviously considerable fund raising will be needed over the next few years, but this Tower Project will also be heavily dependent on obtaining sufficient grants. This was launched in January this year with an Organ Recital by renowned retired professional organist Christopher Moore, followed of course by a wine buffet.

Finally, grateful thanks to the Parish Council for the annual grant of £670 last year towards the £2,000 cost of the churchyard maintenance of grass cutting, hedge and yews trimming.

Reports from Local Clubs & Societies:

the Gardening Club (Clerk read out on behalf of Catriona Smart);

Fornham Garden Club, from its inception in 1995, has continued to thrive, with a current membership in excess of 70 and a healthy balance sheet. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in Fornham St Martin Village Hall with a guest speaker covering a variety of topics. For example, this year, invited speakers will give talks on Fuchsias, British Gardens open to the public, Kew Gardens, Salvias, Hyacinths and hardy shrubs. We have a visit to a local garden of interest one evening in the summer and a dinner in January, which brings us round to our AGM in April very quickly.

We currently enjoy a least four outings during the months of May to Sept and this year promises to be no exception with visits to RHS Hyde Hall, BBC Gardeners' World Live at the NEC Birmingham, Hoveton Hall Gardens and Hindringham Hall Gardens in Norfolk, and Althorp House and Gardens in Northamptonshire.

Over the years we have donated funds to a variety of national and local charities. Details of our existence and activities appear in the local bimonthly Fornham Bugle and the monthly Lark Valley Benefice Magazine.

the Ladies Club (Beryl Dykes);

It has been a successful year;

In May we had a talk from Peter Crighton, Antiques Roadshow, June and evening at Buxhall Crafts Museum, July was our summer social, with our AGM in September, this was accompanied by a slide show of Australia, by Bob & Liz Hope. In October our members attended a CPR session, we were given a talk

by Linda Scales in November and had a very nice Christmas dinner at the Bunbury Arms in December. In January we had a visit from the Police giving a talk on 20th Century Policing, with a history talk in February. Ron Davies gave a very interesting presentation on wood turning and Brian Purlow gave a talk on Victorian Gardens in March and April. Our chosen charity to support this year is Diabetes UK.

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month in Fornham St Martin Village Hall and annual membership is £12.

the Toddler Group (Clerk read out on behalf of Jean Cook);

Fornham St. Martin Mother & Toddler Group meets every Tuesday, during term time, in the village hall from 10-11.30 a.m. We now have 10 mums/child-minders/grandmothers registered this term and happily 3 new mums have joined this term. Our numbers fluctuate as children reach school age, so it's a matter of you lose some then new younger ones take their place. We are a happy group and each week take turns to provide a cake/small cakes which we sell at 20p each and this usually covers the cost of the biscuits and drinks (squash, tea and coffee) which are available for the children and mums. Our major expenses are the rent and the insurance which is compulsory, as we are affiliated to the Pre-School Learning Alliance. We charge a joining fee of £2.50 per term + £2.00 per session regardless of how many children each mum brings! The group was formed in November 1989 and we hope to be able to provide this facility for the foreseeable future.

Elderbury Friendship & Social Club (Clerk read out on behalf of Tom Rowe);

We are now into our 10th year and are looking forward too many interesting and enjoyable meetings and day trips together. There is no reason though why you should not be enjoying them with us!

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm at The Fornham All Saints Community Centre where we enjoy being entertained by a variety of talented performers and speakers. This year we are going on a cruise. Yes, a Cruise albeit only for 2 hours on the Norfolk Broads combined with a visit to the popular Wroxham Barns and all that for only £25. We pick up in all 3 villages. At the time of writing this we still have 11 seats available, you don't have to be a member of our club, but we hope you will consider joining us.

We are also going to Sunny Clacton in August to sample a mouth-watering carvery meal followed by The Summer Entertainment Show all for £35.

Currently, we have 12 seats available.

We are called a Friendship & Social Club and we adhere to this title totally.

The Clerk presented an Actual to Budget Report and the projected budget for 2018-19 was scrutinised and approved and signed by the Chairman (MC).

Review & Adoption of Financial Risk Assessment 2018/2019:

Resolved 18/05/11.01

The Financial Risk Assessment for the financial year 2018-19 was reviewed and adopted by the Full Council and signed by the Chairman (MC).

Review Effectiveness of Internal Audit Procedure:

Resolved 18/05/12.01

The Internal Audit Procedure was fully reviewed and it was agreed to continue with the current Internal Auditor, Mijan Ltd for the financial year 2018-19.

To Consider any Annual Donations:

Resolved 18/05/13.01

Village Hall Committee = £500 (LGA 1976 (Miscellaneous Provisions) s19).

St Martins Church (Churchyard Maintenance) = £500 plus a donation of £198 towards tree works in the churchyard (Local Government Act 1972, s. 214 (6&8)).

Elderbury & Friendship Club = £200 (s137)

Fornham St Martin Mother & Toddler Group = £200 (s137)

Fornham Computer Club = £100 (s137).

Planning Applications:

DC/18/0730/

HH - Single storey side extension - 8 Turnberry Drive, Fornham St Martin

Resolved 18/05/15.01

No objections to DC/18/0730/HH

DC/180654/FUL - General purpose bulk storage building - Hall Farm, The Drift, Fornham St Martin

Resolved 18/05/15.02

No objections to DC/18/0654/FUL

Update on DC/162792/FUL Appeal

Appeal decision still pending.

WSOH/CLG Update

The second meeting of the CLG was held at West Suffolk House. The contractors for the project were confirmed as Morgan Sindall. The ongoing methods of communication were discussed and agreed. Main works will start around the 21st May and the completion date is late 2019. The working hours to be 8.00 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Friday and 8.00 am to 1.30 pm Saturday. All suppliers have been given designated routes of access to the site. Morgan Sindall are committed to keeping the community up to date with issues that might affect the villages.

Boundary Review Update - One Council

The Consultation ended on 28th March, there has been a good response,

Appointment of Councillor Responsibilities & Representatives on Outside

Bodies:

Resolved 18/05/6.01

Representative on Village Hall Committee – Cllr. Paul Butler.

SALC Liaison – Clerk.

SEBC Parish Forum Liaison – Clerk & Cllr. Mike Collier.

WSDH Point of contact – Cllr. Mike Collier.

Councillor's responsible for Planning – Cllr. Mike Collier, Cllr. Jayne Hubbard, Cllr. Penny Borrett & Cllr. Paul Butler.

Councillor's responsible for Inspection of Play Equipment – Rota to be agreed at each meeting.

Councillor's responsible for Street Lighting – All Councillor's and Clerk to report.

Councillor's responsible for Trees / Footpaths – Cllr. Lizzi Flaherty.

Councillor responsible for Asset Risk Assessment – Cllr. Collier & Clerk

Adoption of the Annual Governance Statement 2017-2018:

Resolved 18/05/8.01

The Clerk presented the Internal Auditors written report; no significant issues were highlighted. Although it had been recommended to do Budget review quarterly as Best Practice and to record the Powers for granting Donations within the Minutes of meetings. As such, the Internal Audit Report for 2017-2018 was adopted.

Resolved 18/05/8.02

The Annual Return for 2017-2018 was scrutinised and the Annual Governance Statement Section 1 was adopted as a true statement by all Councillor's present and signed as such by the Chairman (MC) and the RFO.

To Approve the Final Accounts for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2018:

The Income for 2017/18 was £26,989.85, the Expenditure was £30,943.27. The balance of 2017/18 carried forward £9,041.02.

Resolved 18/05/9.01

The final accounts and Bank Reconciliations for the financial year ended 31st March 2018 were scrutinised and approved by all Councillor's. The accounts were signed as a true statement by the Chairman (MC) & the RFO.

Resolved 18/05/9.02

Section 2 Accounting Statements 2017/18 of the Annual Return were approved and accepted by all Councillor's and signed as such by the Chairman (MC).

To Review & Adopt the Budget for 2018/2019:

Resolved 18/05/10.01

If you are unable to attend because of transport or physical problems, we will endeavour to provide your transport. Likewise, if you need help with travelling to a medical appointment we will do our best to make sure you can attend. Not for money, but for friendship.

We are an informal, friendly group of senior citizens (O.A.P's – Over 50's) who if they see somebody without a smile, they give them theirs. I invite you and our Parish Councillors to attend one of our meetings, to experience and feel the atmosphere at our meetings. Our annual membership fee is £5 and we charge £2 when you attend a meeting, which includes a free raffle and refreshments.

It is because of the continued support we receive from both Fornham Councils we are able provide all this and we really do appreciate this.

the Village Hall Committee (Maureen Hockett);

The Committee are extremely pleased to welcome Roger Farnell as our new Hall Manager. He comes with a wealth of experience and skills in maintaining a building. School Caretaker and Maintenance Manager at Fornham Care Home. Roger attends our Committee Meetings and has the support of Colleen Leach as a deputy for the Hall duties.

I am pleased to say that the Hall continues to be regularly used. There is a booking for most days of the week throughout the year; either Weekly - Fortnightly - or Monthly. One Track Minds has a modelling club on a Saturday every other month. At weekends we have had 3 children's parties and 2 christening parties. Bury Model Railway club had an Open day in March, Defibrillator training in February, BMW Club East Anglia will have their AGM in October. We have had enquiries from the Pines Residential Home re staff training in June, children's karate sessions and Yoga classes. There is also interest from a lady who wants to run dog training classes. A total of at least 15 different organisations use the Hall regularly.

On Mondays Slimming World holds two sessions, at 17.30 and 19.30. The Group Leader Jason Perrio reports an increase in the numbers attending, and several successes locally. We will be putting a report in the Bugle highlighting those successes.

We continue to maintain the Hall through the DIY skills of members of the Committee, and now with the help of Roger, and with the support of our volunteer gardener Dave Beckett and his wife Pat. At the beginning of April, we had to call in an expert, Alastair Abercrombie, as further work was needed to be carried out on the ceiling. This time he repaired four small patches which were identified as being at risk of collapsing. We will be undertaking maintenance work in August. The Hall will be closed from Tuesday 7 to Friday

10 to allow Roger to carry out the work of sanding down and re-varnishing the floor. This work will be in addition to his duties as Hall Manager.

Following some online research, two members of the Committee made arrangements to visit an organisation Alpha Furniture Ltd in Beaconsfield to look at and test out chairs for the Hall. Our criteria - they had to be lightweight, stackable and importantly comfortable, and a chair was brought back as a sample for the Committee to try out. The chairs were purchased in October and delivered to the Hall in late November. Hopefully they are a success. We also purchased four new lightweight folding tables from another company online. The chairs that were broken and those that were shabby were disposed of at the local recycling centre, by arrangement, by two of the Committee members.

New Projects -The Committee are presently considering the purchase of a data projector and installing Wi-Fi. We are only researching the costing of these proposals at the moment and the projects of course depend on the funds available. We are aiming to attract local businesses and organisations to hold meetings in the Hall during the day as we have slots on two Fridays in the month as well as Tuesday afternoons and evenings. The Small Hall is still on our project list. We would like to decorate this and make the area more useable even though it remains the storage area for the tables and chairs but continue to be concerned about the damp in the chimney breast although the roof is now sound. Paul Mullen, our local builder will be taking another look at this area, both inside and outside, - we're just waiting for better weather as we've had to cancel previous arrangements.

Income for the year ending March 2018 was £12,547 and expenditure was £11,409. The closing bank balance is £5,444. Income includes £2,876 of donations from the Parish Council, St Edmundsbury Council and Suffolk County Council. The current annual running cost is just over £8,000, this includes Hall Manager's salary, Insurance, Electricity costs of approx. £600 which is the amount owed after support from the Parish Council, Firetek inspection, window cleaning, electrical repairs, paper products and cleaning materials.

In July 2017 we had the five-year Electrical Inspection which was carried out by Ben Haill, who now does all the electrical work for the Hall, including any urgent repair work.

We do keep an amount aside for emergency maintenance. There has been no increase in hire charges since 2016 but we will be putting these up in 2019 by about 3%.

The Committee would like to thank the Parish Council for their financial support with the electricity bill, and Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger for her financial support with regard to the chairs.

The Committee members are myself, Phil Hockett, John Somerville, Paul Butler, Peter Freeman and Jean Cook. We are always looking for new members to join

us. The meetings are held four times a year and each is kept to a time of approx. 1.5 hours. We liaise outside of the meetings by email. If anyone is interested, then please do contact one of us. You will be made very welcome.

The Parish Council expressed their thanks to the Committee, as a valuable asset to the village.

Report on King George V Playing Field

The Parish Council can now confirm that the Trusteeship for the King George V Playing Field is now complete, with the Parish Council as a Body acting as Trustee's, this is now registered with the Charity Commission as such, and with Land Registry. The Parish Council will now be responsible for any maintenance and upkeep. The Parish Council stresses that the field will remain as a village asset in perpetuity. Any suggestions for improvements, new facilities would be gladly received.

PUBLIC FORUM.

Meeting Closed at 8:40 pm

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FSMSGPC Annual Parish Council Meeting Summary – 10th May 2018

ANNUAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Election of Chairman:

Cllr. P. Forster proposed Cllr. M. Collier, this was seconded by Cllr. G. Hubbard. All voted in favour and Cllr. Collier accepted and signed his Declaration of Acceptance to Office as Chairman.

To Receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office:

Cllr. M. Collier signed the declaration of office of Chairman for the year 2018-2019 and this was witnessed and countersigned by the Clerk.

Election of Vice Chairman:

Cllr. L. Flaherty proposed Cllr. G. Hubbard, this was seconded by Cllr. P. Forster. All voted in favour. Cllr. Hubbard accepted and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Vice Chair.

To Receive the Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office:

Cllr. G. Hubbard signed the declaration of office of Vice Chairman for the year 2018-2019 and this was witnessed and countersigned by the Clerk.