

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 30^h May 2019

Thank you all for attending tonight.

Cotton Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

The Parish Council remains the only organisation in the village that complies with the statutory requirements of the Fund to make applications. We continue to claim our allocation (which is approximately £4,100 per annum) for improving the village setting and to contribute to the running costs of the Village Hall. We are also considering some utilization for CCTV on each entry to the village subject to available funds and required permissions from Highways and owners of the Streetlights. Your ideas for any use of the Fund are welcome.

Village Hall

This was on my report last year and we are still waiting to finalise a new lease. The delay is due to the Village Hall not achieving an acceptable rating for an Energy Performance Certificate and due to the excessive cost it is not feasible for the Diocese of Ely, the Village Hall owner, or your Parish Council to cover such expense, so we await the Diocese to obtain an Exemption Certificate. The Hall is still not actively used for village events and utilizes a high percentage of the Parish Precept but in line with villagers previous requests to keep the Hall we intend to enter a new lease. Upon completion this can then enable us to seek grants to improve the Hall and its surroundings, which will result in greater use and benefit our Community.

Three Horseshoes

The Parish Council with the support of villagers were successful in getting the Three Horseshoes listed as an asset of Community Value and it is pleasing to see since the last Annual Parish Meeting that the pub is open again and doing so well. We wish Ben & Kathy all the best in there venture.

Parish Council / Future Projects

I would like to thank Parish Councillors for all their contributions and a big thanks to Tess Rogers our Parish Clerk who has ensured we are complying with all the statutory requirements we need to follow. Thank you to Mandy Smith, our County Councillor and Mark Howell and Nick Wright, our District Councillors for all their support and input.

We have carried out repairs on the Coronation Bandstand and Bus Shelter, removing the one opposite the Three Horseshoes and have purchased a speed monitoring device to discourage speeding through the village. We will continue to work on improving the village setting and larger projects that include CCTV, desilting the village ponds and improving the Village Hall.

Graveley Community Volunteer Group

We formed this Group to focus on suggesting ideas to work on voluntary projects around the village. I propose we have a meeting of the Volunteers week commencing 17th June to discuss projects and when volunteers will action what is agreed.

We welcome your views on all the topics covered and any other questions after Tess Rogers Financial Summary.

On a final note a huge thank you to Chris Bentley and for involvement with Neighbourhood Watch, Lynette Abbott for her help with the Village Hall, Simon Abbott for making the Window Boxes, Dave Winter for maintaining the Village Green, Ted Allgood for taking on maintenance of highway tree and verge cutting, and to all volunteers that help out with get togethers for village tidy ups.

Thank you.

Keith McConnell