

MINUTES OF THE SHUDY CAMPS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

13 MAY 2019

Five members of the Parish attended the meeting, together with Councillors John and Henry Batchelor and the Parish Clerk.

Welcome

1. The Chair of the Annual Parish Meeting, Cllr John Haine, welcomed all those attending and reminded them that the meeting was not a meeting of the Parish Council but a meeting of the electors of the Parish to discuss any matters of concern to the parish.

Apologies for absence

2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dave Elliott and Mr R Lemon.

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting

3. The Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15 May 2018 were confirmed as a correct record.

Open Forum

4. As they had to leave for other meetings by 8.00pm, the Chair invited Councillors John and Henry Batchelor to present their Annual Reports in the Open Forum slot.
5. Councillor Henry Batchelor summarised key developments at the County Council in the past year. These included:
 - plans to move the County Council's offices from Shire Hall in Cambridge to a new site in Alconbury in the next 2-3 years;
 - the current Mayor's aspirations to merge the County Council with the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority;
 - plans to improve the competitive Local Highways Improvement scheme in which Shudy Camps Parish Council's latest bid had narrowly missed out on funding
 - improvements to the A1307: all parishioners were encouraged to participate in the local liaison forums set up to discuss the proposed measures.
6. Councillor John Batchelor summarised developments at the District Council in the past year. These included:
 - the change of political control and resulting revisions to the budget
 - senior staff turnover which provided the opportunity to revise the staffing structure
 - the requirement on the Council to supplement Council tax income by engaging in open-market activities as the Government no longer provided grants in aid. This included involvement in the commercial property market. The Council had published a brochure setting out its business plan
 - the development of plans for new settlements at Waterbeach, Northstowe, Bourn Airfield and the further expansion of Cambourne, which would absorb all the housing growth expected by Government in order to protect the smaller villages in the District

- the availability of new Community Chest and Innovate & Cultivate Fund grants for community projects.
- participation in the Government's Parking on Pavements Survey- parishes had been encouraged to submit views and send in any local case studies by 14 May 2019.

Financial Statements of the Parish Council

7. The Financial Statements of Shudy Camps Parish Council for the financial year ending 31 March 2019 were received and noted by meeting.

Presentation of Annual Reports

8. The following written Annual Reports were also received and noted by the meeting:
 - Chair of the Parish Council
 - Castle Camps C of E (VC) Primary School
 - Tree Warden
 - Parish Paths
 - Manages Trust
9. The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator gave an oral report on issues affecting the parish in the past year. As a low-crime area, a high degree of pro-activity was not appropriate, but matters such as shed and garden burglaries, fly-tipping and suspiciously parked vehicles were followed up by encouraging those reporting them to ring 101 and give the Police as much information as possible. Installing security devices was a more effective deterrence to crime than displaying Neighbourhood Watch signs and stickers.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm. The Chair thanked those attending for their participation.