

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF FRITTON WITH ST  
OLAVES PARISH HELD ON  
THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017 AT ST OLAVES VILLAGE HALL  
(GABI ROESCH, CLERK TO THE COUNCIL - TEL: 07866  
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**Present Councillors:**

Chairman - Allan Mendum

Vice Chairman – Stannas Bellaby

Parish Councillors – Margaret Johnson, Keith Nunn, Jill Rose, Peter Storey, Doug Youngs

**In Attendance:**

5 members of the public

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Fiona Cowan

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Fritton Village Hall were confirmed as correct and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

**3. REPORT OF THE PARISH CLERK.**

The newly appointed parish clerk introduced herself to the meeting. She thanked her predecessor, Linda Clark, for her long service to the parish council and the help and advice offered to her. She also expressed her thanks to Dennis Sewell, previously councillor, for the help and advice offered and for preparing the parish clerk report on behalf of the previous parish clerk due to health problems.

This report was read to the meeting and is listed as *Appendix A*.

**4. REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

Reports were received from the following local groups and organisations and are listed as Appendices:

- Fritton Village Hall – *Appendix B*
- St Edmund's Church Fritton and Fritton Relief in Need Charity – *Appendix C*
- St Olaves Village Hall – *Appendix D*
- St Margaret's Church Herringfleet – *Appendix E*
- Herringfleet Poorrands Trust – *Appendix F*

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:15 p.m.

## APPENDIX A

# Fritton with St Olaves Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## Report of the Clerk to the Parish Council

The parish council held the usual six bi-monthly meetings during the year, plus one summary meeting to approve the Annual Return for submission to the external auditors.

During the year Mrs L Clark retired as Parish Clerk due to ill health. The council expressed their regret at her departure and their appreciation for the excellent service she has provided over many years. Ms Gabi Roesch succeeds her as Parish Clerk.

Allan Mendum continued as Chairman this year and Stannas Bellaby succeeded Margaret Johnson as Vice Chairman. Cllrs Chris Nash (Fritton) and Dennis Sewell (St Olaves) resigned from the Council in January 2017 and it is anticipated that two replacement councillors will be co-opted onto the Council at its meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

The Council has continued to receive strong support from Borough Councillor Adrian Myers during the year, including a grant of £300 towards the cost of restoring the Fritton telephone box, and is extremely grateful for this. Unfortunately, County Councillor Colin Aldred, also a strong supporter of the parish over many years, died this year after a long illness. He will be missed.

The council's finances remain sound. The total receipts in respect of the parish precept and the concurrent functions grant increased slightly from £7,116 to £7,180 and it is anticipated that cash reserves will remain in excess of £6,000 as at the end of the current financial year.

The Annual return for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 was given a clean report by both the internal and statutory auditors.

During the year, the following are some of the matters addressed by the Council:

<b>Sewage overflows at the Dell</b>	Problem now seems resolved following upgrade of the sewage pump
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<b>Knotweed at the Dell</b>	As yet unresolved. Being pursued
<b>Traffic speed in New Road</b>	A continuing problem; no significant progress
<b>Parking and rubbish at Fritton Woods</b>	No success in getting the car park re-opened but cooperation and a £500 donation is promised by the managers of the woods in respect of a clear-up
<b>Improvement of the footpath between Fritton &amp; St Olaves.</b>	No progress with Highways Dept on this long-standing issue. Lord Somerleyton approached to provide a strip of land for the construction of a new footpath. Initial response is promising
<b>Refurbishment of the old Fritton telephone box</b>	Successfully completed
<b>Unwelcome changes to local bus timetables</b>	Council representations have not been successful
<b>Proposed reorganisation of local Doctors' surgeries</b>	The position remains unclear
<b>New St Olaves Village Sign</b>	Project complete
<b>New Fritton Village Sign</b>	Project in progress. Grant award of £4,000 obtained from GYTBIA
<b>Blocked public footpath adjacent to Redwings horse sanctuary</b>	Still unresolved. Being pursued with the help of BCllr Myers
<b>Traffic speed on the A143 at Fritton</b>	30mph roundels painted on road and police promise obtained to set up speed trap from time to time
<b>Planning requests to reclassify lodges at Caldecott Park as permanent residences</b>	Strong objections made to the initial applications and repeated on appeal. This matter remains in process

## APPENDIX B

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FROM:

MR ROY CEILEY, 01493 488609

TREASURER,FRITTON,INSTITUTE

14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017

BINGO:

AT THE MOMENT BINGO IS THE ONLY REGULAR FUNCTION BEING HELD IN FRITTON INSTITUTE AND IT IS HELD ON THE THIRD WEEK OF EACH MONTH

THE LAST QUIZ HELD IN THE HALL WAS POORLY ATTENDED,ONLY 6 PEOPLE ATTENDED AND TWO OF THOSE WERE THE PEOPLE RUNNING IT

THE LAST TIME THE GARDEN CLUB WAS HELD ONLY ONE PERSON ATTENDED

PEOPLE FROM THE VILLAGE ARE CHARGED AN ANNUAL FEE FOR PARKING AT THE VILLAGE HALL

TO:

GABI ROESCH

PARISH CLERK

FRITTON WITH ST OLAVES PARISH COUNCIL



## APPENDIX C

### St Edmund's Church Report 2016

In February and March master thatcher Gary Stokes rethatched the north side of the nave roof and also the ridge on both nave and apse. Villagers and those with connections to St Edmund's bought all the bunches of reeds needed for the job, all 1,500 of them @ £3.50 per bunch.

Also in March the Rev. David Boddy Priest in charge of the Somerleyton Benefice retired due to ill health so that now a period of interregnum exists.

The life and witness of the church continues with visiting clergy conducting and leading worship, there was one marriage and one funeral during the year.

Fund raising events included spring and autumn coffee mornings and a Flower Festival in July, the year ended a Carols by candlelight service and Christmas Eve Communion, both services were very well attended.

### Fritton (Great Yarmouth) Relief In Need Charity

Income continues to come from Hire of Shout, let of arable and rough grazing, and Electricity Way Leave. Christmas gifts of £255 were divided between three couples and five single persons.

Mrs Pam Dearman retired as a Trustee and moved from the village, this has led to Mrs Marion Binding being a co-opted Trustee in her place.

Balance of Accounts at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 were Current Account £219.94p, National Savings £1,270.11p.

## APPENDIX D

# St Olaves Village Hall

## Annual Report for the Parish Meeting On 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017

The financial year now ending has been another successful one for St Olaves Village Hall, with a net surplus of more than £2,000 being added to hall funds, which end the year at around £15,000.

Hire income has held up well overall, a reduction in the number of mindfulness classes now being offset by the introduction of regular Pilates and Zumba sessions on Thursday mornings. The two dog clubs and the art club have continued their regular sessions and there has been an increase in the use of the hall for one-off events this year, lifting total hire income to about £4000, slightly up on last year

The hall management committee have continued to organise a variety of village events at the hall during the year, ranging from coffee mornings and quiz evenings to a table top sale. These have all been well supported and, taken together, have raised a total of £1,800 for hall funds.

The project to improve and update the hall facilities continues. Some additional furniture has been purchased this year and detailed plans are in course of finalisation to increase and improve access to storage space, provide better disabled access, and create an outside terrace area. General redecoration will also continue. We will be seeking grant funding to help with the cost of these improvements

During the year, the management committee has been strengthened by the addition of two new members, and promotional activities are being intensified in order to increase the use of the hall further.

D J Sewell

9<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## APPENDIX E

Report form Herringfleet church Year 2016 / 2017

To Fritton with St. Olaves Parish council ---Annual report

It has so far been an extremely busy year for the church which is in need of extensive repairs to the thatched roof, the walls and the stained glass. We have enlisted the services of Nicholas Warns –architect with a special interest in historic buildings and with his help and advice have managed to secure a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Many consultants have been involved and on March 1<sup>st</sup> met at an “Opening Up” day to survey the church. These involved architects, a quantity surveyor, Environmental services, historian, wild life consultant, electrician, thatcher and a stained glass window consultant.

So far the reports of all these agencies haven’t been received.

In the mean time services have so far not been affected, and continue at two per month as in the past. We also hosted the special Christmas Day service and at Easter, the Good Friday service with the walk of witness and serving tea, coffee and traditional hot cross buns.

The workers of Boston-Putford in Lowestoft continue to gut the grass in the church-yard and surrounds.

Herringfleet church was grateful to receive a donation from the Parish Council and also from the county council budget via our councillor Adrian Myres.

At some time in the year, the church will be subject to large renovations and for that time may need to be closed for services.

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## APPENDIX F

No 241356

HERRINGFLEET POORRAND TRUST

REPORT FOR FRITTON WITH ST.OLAVES PARISH COUNCIL

For Year Ending 2016

As is generally known, the income for this trust comes from a reed bed alongside the river Waveney and approached from the end of Priory Road.

The quality and quantity of the reeds is assessed by the Reed Cutters each year and to date the quality of the heeds this year has been poor. A further review as to the state of the reeds is understood to be imminent.

The knotweed continues to be surveyed and treated by the Broads Authority.

Sadly, the previous chairman of the trust for many years, David Pitchers has passed away after a lengthy illness and it's greatly to his credit that he had talks with his successor on the processes of the trust and discussions about its future.

His successor has been appointed in the person of Colin Carter.

Also from the trust, Rev. David Boddy has resigned his post due to ill health and has moved away from the area. It is hoped that the new incumbent Rev. Glen Brooks will take up his place on the trust.

Mrs Janet Pitchers, after many years as secretary has stepped down and handed the task to me. (Fiona Cowan)

The income received from Higher Stewardship under the auspices of the Somerleyton Estate amounted to £1025.00 and reimbursement to "The Poor's and Anguish's Charity" for distribution £150.

Final balance £4044.10

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