

# NORDELPH PARISH COUNCIL

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**Draft Minutes of the Nordelph Parish Council Annual Parish Assembly, Monday 11 April 2016 at the Village Hall, 6.30pm**

**Committee Members:** Cllr. D Gott, Cllr. R Stannard, Cllr. G Cosson, Cllr. Balls, Cllr. Free, Cllr. Hoy

**Those Attending:** Cllr. Stannard, Cllr. Gott, Cllr. Balls, Borough Cllr. Pope

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**Apologies:** Borough Cllr. Spikings, County Cllr. Humphrey

## **ASSEMBLY REPORT**

### **1. Welcome**

Councillor Gott welcomed everybody to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were given as listed above and accepted.

### **3. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council**

Cllr. Gott reported on the Council's activities this year including,

- Councillor Bailey and Councillor Bushnell's retirement from the parish council
- Two new councillors, Councillor Free and Councillor Hoy
- The purchase of the British Telecom kiosk along the High Street
- The joint purchase of a SAM2 (speed awareness message) speed sign for Silt Road
- Training courses attended by the Clerk, Councillors and Chairman
- A new village sign
- The purchase of a new noticeboard for the staithe
- Extensive resurfacing works to Silt Road
- Maintenance of the village hall car park
- The parish council taking over the British Telecom line rental and broadband payments at the village hall
- A summary of the 2015-16 financial accounts

### **4. To receive a report from the Borough Council**

Cllr. Pope reported on the Borough's activities this year including,

- Council tax has been increased by £0.90 per year for the first time in five years.
- There is £80m available this year for *services* and £4million in savings needs to be made over the next three years.
- The Leisure Centres, now being run by the trust *Alive Leisure*, have made a profit of circa £60,000.00 over the last financial year.
- A new grounds maintenance scheme is now in place offering six, twelve or eighteen cuts per year.
- Devolution discussions continue and the costs involved with this along with the election of a Mayor.
- Councillor Pope is running in the election on 25 April 2016 for the position of *Leader of the Council*.

### **5. To receive a report from the County Council**

- The Council is made up of 41 Conservative, 14 labour, 13 UKIP, 10 Liberal Democrat, 4 Green and 2 Independent
- Devolution discussions involving significant powers being devolved to local level.
- The Norfolk County Council budget, a projected gap of £42million for next year is to be filled by cutting the fire service and recycling centres as well as libraries, road maintenance, museums and other front line services
- Funding of £380,000 for another Parish Partnership Scheme has been approved.
- Access to high-speed broadband has doubled in Norfolk.

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- Children’s Services has been in the spotlight after a new ‘inadequate’ rating from Ofsted.
- GCSE results for Norfolk pupils have narrowed the gap on the national average for the second successive year.
- Adult Education was rated ‘inadequate’ by Ofsted last year but is making good progress.
- The Fire & Rescue Service has moved headquarters to Wymondham to share with the Police.
- The Norfolk Museum Services goes from strength to strength.
- A £625,000 grant from government has enabled a joint initiative between Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation and Norfolk County Council to help vulnerable families stay together.
- The Norfolk/Suffolk waste deal has been extended for another four years.
- Norfolk’s current social worker recruitment campaign is running until 31 March 2016.

## 6. Open Forum

- There were no members of the public present.

There being no further business, the Assembly closed at 7.00pm.

Signed..... Date .....

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