

NORDELPH PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Report of the Annual Parish Assembly, Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at the Village Hall, 6.30pm

Committee Members: Councillor Gott, Councillor Stannard, Councillor Cosson, Councillor Balls, Councillor Free, Councillor Hoy

Those Attending: Councillor Stannard, Councillor Gott, Councillor Balls, Councillor Free, Councillor Hoy, Borough Councillor Pope

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Apologies: Borough Councillor Spikings and County Councillor Humphrey, Councillor Cosson

ASSEMBLY REPORT

1. Welcome

1.1 Councillor Gott welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

2.1 Apologies were given as listed above and accepted.

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

3.1 The Chairman reported on the Council's activities this year including,

- Maintenance works to the war memorial and its surrounding area including the cleaning of the memorial, the re-lettering of the role of honour, the painting of the railings, and the cleaning of the concrete surrounding the memorial.
- The continued use of the SAM2 speed camera along the Silt Road to monitor the speed of traffic along this problematic area.
- Continued efforts to try and recruit new parish councillors to fill the three vacancies.
- Thanks to be noted for all the hard work from the *Village Hall Committee* who continues to make improvements to the Village Hall itself and the car park area.
- A brief summary of finances for the 2016-17 financial year were provided. The carry forward figure at the beginning of the financial year was £16,287.00. *Receipts* for the year were £10,153.00 and *payments* £8,881.00 leaving a carry forward figure at 1st April 2017 of £17,559.00.
- The completion of *the walk* at footpath 7 continues to be a project for the parish council throughout this coming year with Norfolk County Council.
- Thanks were given to all parish councillors and the Clerk for their continued support

4. To receive a report from the Borough Council

4.1 Councillor Pope, who is now *Chair of the Audit Committee*, reported on the current situation at the Borough Council,

- Savings continue to be a priority with money needing to be saved Borough-wide wherever it can be.
- The income from Business Rates at the Borough Council helps their income.
- There has been an overall shortfall of £6 billion from central government to local authorities and this shortfall has to be bridged somehow.
- Borough councillors will reduce from 62 to 54 with double-member wards reducing to a single-member.
- Neighbouring Borough Councils may start to consolidate workloads in certain areas in a bid to reduce costs.

5. To receive a report from the County Council

No report.

6. Open Forum

There were no members of the public present wishing to address the council.

There being no further business, the Parish Assembly closed at 6.45pm.

Signed..... Date