

**MINUTES OF KERSEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 7 APRIL 2014 AT 8 PM IN KERSEY VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT**

Chair – John Hume, 4 Parish Councillors, Jenny Antill - Suffolk County Councillor, PCSO Amanda Coleman (for part of the meeting), 7 members of public and Sarah Partridge - Clerk.

**APM 1/14 APOLOGIES** were received from Linda Curran-Spain, Adrian Blyth and Neville Whittell.

**APM 2/14 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH MEETING** held on 8 April 2013 were signed as correct.

**APM 3/14 CORRESPONDENCE**

Babergh have organised a Community Roadshow event on 17 May in Stutton village hall, the event will be an inspirational day of talks, forums and activities to give ideas for developing communities.

**APM 4/14 REPORTS**

**Full Reports are all appended to these minutes.**

**Police** – PCSO Amanda Coleman gave her report, answered questions and then left the meeting.

**Suffolk County Council**, Jenny Antill gave her report and answered questions.

**Babergh District Council**, following the resignation of Dawn Kendall a by election will be held on 22 May. Jenny Antill is also a Babergh District Councillor, but not for South Cosford ward, she kindly gave a brief report for Babergh District Council.

**Kersey Parish Council**, John Hume gave his report.

**Kersey Parish Council Working Groups/Representatives:**

**Footpath Working Group**, John Maltby gave his report

**KCPC Working Group**, no report was received.

**Jubilee Steps and Vale Lane Footpath Link Working Group**, Giles Hollingworth gave his report.

**Millennium Book Fund**, John Maltby gave his report.

**Forget-Me-Nots**, Veronica Partridge gave her report.

**Franey Rand and Pest House Charities**, Nora Ryde gave her report.

**Friends of the Fabric & Bells of St Mary's Church**, a report from Neville Whittell was read. There was a short discussion about the Friends of the Bells and Fabric of St Mary's Church, this is not just the bell ringers organisation but a group set up in the 1970's to raise funds for repairs to the bells and bell tower. There has been no recent fundraising and the trustees are currently reviewing the organisational set up of the 'Friends'.

**Grays Trust**, a report was read from John Robinson.

**Kersey CEVCP School**, a report was read from the head teacher, Mrs Linda Curran-Spain. Mrs Curran-Spain will be leaving Kersey at Easter to move on to set up a new Church school in Stowmarket, the Parish Council has written to her to thank her for her contribution to the school and community during her time as head teacher at the school.

**Kersey Playing Field Association**, Ian Hattrick gave his report.

**Kersey Society**, Ian Hattrick gave his report.

**Lewis Mowles Trust**, Norah Orriss gave her report.

**Neighbourhood Watch**, Giles Hollingworth gave a brief report.

**Nightingale Trust**, David Griffiths gave his report.

**St Mary's Church PCC**, no report was received.

**Table Tennis Club**, a report was read from Adrian Blyth.

**Tuesday Club**, Rachel Wells gave her report.

**Village Hall**, John Maltby gave his report.

**Village Produce Association**, Rachel Wells gave her report. Rachel was thanked for all the time and work she does for the VPA which organises such a successful show and village event.

#### **APM 5/14 PARISH PLAN REVIEW UPDATE**

A complete review of the Parish Plan is currently being carried out; this will lead to a new Parish Action Plan being created. Several parishioners attended the recent consultation events; the comments will be reviewed and fed back into the Action Plan. Progress on producing the new Action Plan will be regularly reported to the Parish Council and information published on the Kersey website, [www.kersey.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.kersey.suffolk.gov.uk)

#### **APM 6/14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair was disappointed to see so few parishioners present at the meeting tonight. He felt it is important to encourage all members of the parish to get involved in village organisations and events and to find new Parish Councillors; there are currently 2 vacancies on the Parish Council. There are a hard core of people who play active roles in village life, many of whom are retired and older members of the community. There seems to be a lack of interest in younger people pledging regular voluntary time to community activities, though for irregular one-off events people are often keen to come forward which is encouraging.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.25pm.

There are 20 sheets appended to these minutes.