

BRANDON PARVA, COSTON, RUNHALL & WELBORNE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - MINUTES

Wednesday 12 April 2023, 7:30pm at Welborne Village Hall.

Present.

Parish Councillors – Simon Guest (chair), Clare Kay, Peter Wood, Mike Webb and Andrew Gill along with the clerk, Bev Long. Also present was District Councillor Richard Elliott, County Councillor Margaret Dewsbury and PC Gordon Rance.

Organisations present – Runhall Recreation Ground – Bev Long and Runhall Community Group – Deborah Bourassa.

1. Welcome, Introductions and apologies for absence.

Simon Guest as Chair of Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne Parish Council welcomed everyone to the meeting. Simon briefly explained the reason for a parish meeting along with the format of the evening.

Apologies were received from Mattishall Primary School, Mark Gill – litter warden, Andrew Jewson – Runhall PCC, Liz Holmes – Runhall Recreation Ground, Brian & Margot Hancock – litter wardens, Andy Maule – Welborne Village Hall, Sue Guest – litter warden and Mattishall Surgery.

2. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting – 13 April 2022

The minutes of the 2022 meeting were signed by the chair as a correct record of the meeting without amendment.

3. Report by the Parish Council

Simon Guest as Chair of the Parish Council outlined some aspects of his report.

- ❖ Parish council business as usual
- ❖ Planning – 13 applications have been responded to
- ❖ Highways – working well with highways department despite budget pressure.
- ❖ PROW's – 3 wardens who regularly walk all the footpaths which are generally in a good condition.
- ❖ PROW's - more active with most being in a reasonable condition.
- ❖ Four litter wardens work hard to keep the villages clean and litter free.
- ❖ Amenities – well used.
- ❖ Budget – slight increase in precept

- ❖ Elections were uncontested with two vacancies.

Simon thanked Bev Long the clerk for her support and work for the council, fellow councillors, Margaret Dewsbury and Richard Elliott for their great support and attendance at our parish council meetings and all the Parish Groups for their hard work.

The full report is an appendix to these minutes.

4. Reports from parish organisations, county and district councillors, other bodies

Richard Elliott, District Cllr whose full report is an appendix to these minutes spoke about; Avian flu restrictions, 75 years fire service, South Norfolk functions of 80+ carried on with no real issues, good sound finances and high priorities will be health & wellbeing, building new houses, commercial space for business and teaching children to swim.

Margaret Dewsbury, County Cllr whose full report is an appendix to these minutes spoke about; services busy due to avian flu, 11 new no cold calling zones, fire services has dealt with 650 wild fires, 75th anniversary of the fire service, 100's of courses available from adult learning along with libraries having lots of activities and free packs – they had 9000 children take part in the summer reading challenge. Seventy electric buses ordered, highways continuing with the western link and the A47 North Tuddenham and Easton Road works will be starting soon.

Deborah Bourassa, Runhall Community Group – gave a brief report – full report is an appendix to these minutes. Reformed a year ago, vibrant enthusiastic group bringing the communities together with the main aims to replace equipment on the play area, purchase a defibrillator and run lots of events - jubilee party, carol singing, litter picking and Runfest!

PC Gordon Rance reported that the parish was a very safe place to live – with only one crime report in the year. He talked briefly about road safety, anti-social behaviour, county lines and domestic violence – which was all directed at the bigger towns around the parish.

Simon thanked everyone for their reports – all these and other reports received form part of the appendix to these minutes.

5. Open Forum

No further discussion or questions raised.

6. Closing remarks

Simon Guest thanked everyone for attending and to those who had given reports both at the meeting and those submitted electronically. I. An open invitation was offered to everyone to attend any future Parish Council meetings.

Written reports from the following bodies form part of these minutes:

- Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne Parish Council Chair

- Runhall with Coston Church
- Welborne Litter wardens
- Margaret Dewsbury – Norfolk County Councillor
- Runhall Recreation Ground – Allotments
- Runhall Village Community Group
- Richard Elliott – South Norfolk District Councillor
- Mattishall Surgery
- Police
- Welborne Village Hall