

## Arnesby Parish Meeting

### Minutes of the Arnesby Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 20 March 2018 in the Village Hall

- 1. Present.** Elaine Carter in the Chair, 12 Residents and three Parish Councillors.  
The Clerk to the Parish Council Terry Cane, was also present.  
The Chair welcomed everyone to this Annual Meeting.
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting.**  
The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 April 2017 were moved as a correct record by David Johnson, seconded by Bob Jones and agreed by the meeting.
- 3. Guest Speaker. Chris Dorian-Hurst – Arnesby School Becoming an Academy.**  
Key points:  
2012 Government encouraging all schools to become individual or collective academies.  
2013- 2016 the school has been buying services from the local authority and bidding for other monies.  
The Church of England has been keen that the school should join an academy group with other church schools  
Following exploring several options the school will be joining with six other primary schools and one secondary in an academy called Embrace. A parents' consultation was positive about the plans.  
A multi academy trust, (MAT) will bring benefits of greater purchasing powers, economies of scale, greater control over the curriculum and support for teachers and learning between schools.  
Following a recent OFSTED inspection, the report will be available on line tomorrow.  
The Chair thanked the head and wishes the school well in its new adventure.
- 4. Reports.**  
**Parish Council.** A copy of the Parish Council report is attached. Key points raised by the Acting Chair, Elaine Carter included:  
The Chair acknowledged, following his recent resignation, the contribution Graham Middleton had made to the Council and the village through his membership and chairing of the Parish Council over a period of twelve years.  
The Parish Council met on nine occasions throughout the year.  
The Council is exploring the conversion of street lights to LED lanterns with Leicestershire CC.  
The website is proving popular and informative.  
A contractor will be supplementing LCC grass cutting.  
Planters will shortly be placed on entrances to the village. The school is contributing £200 to the cost of compost and plants.  
Thanks to the hard work of David Johnson, Bruce Kerr and many others through the theme groups the Neighbourhood Plan is nearing the final stages.  
The Council has made grants to the Village Hall, Baptist Church and News Letter.  
The Council has leafletted parents and installed signs concerning parking near the school.  
The Phone box has been repainted and repairs to the bus shelter are in hand.  
The Council has supported the Shearsby PC with efforts to get improvements to the cross roads.  
The Council is exploring electric vehicle charging points, introduced table tennis, and reviewed Council governance.

The Council has made a modest increase to the precept.

In the last year the Council has considered 12 planning applications.

**Village Hall.** A copy of the report by Brian Spriggs is attached. Points raised included:

The extension has been completed, some windows have been replaced, as was the water heater and the hall redecorated.

Bookings are up and the hall being fully used. The school uses the school throughout the day and donates £700 towards heating and maintenance.

The playing field is used regularly by the school for sports and football. It was used for the Big Get Together, in memory of the MP Jo Cox, it would be good to see wider village use.

**May Fayre.** Terry Emmony reported on behalf of the May Fayre Committee. He told the meeting that last year's Fayre made a profit of £5,200. After a positive response from a village survey it has been decided to run a freshened-up May Fayre this year on 28 May. Likely features will be a food area and craft village.

Money raised has supported the village hall, senior's Christmas lunch and WI. Currently there is £5,000 in the bank.

**St Peters Church** Brian Spriggs reported on behalf of St. Peters. Key points included:

St Peters continues to be part of the Hexagon Benefice with regular shared services. Regular events include Messy Church, for children, Open The Book Bible stories and house meetings with the Rev Liz Bickley. Some minor work is needed to replace crumbling stones on the West door. The church runs a number of social and fund raising events including Summer Sunday teas, Harvest Supper, Open Gardens and Christmas Bazaar.

**Arnesby Baptist Church.** Johnny Hutton report on behalf of the Baptist Church.

He told the meeting that as Pastor he was constantly impressed and thankful to those who work hard to enable a wide range of events to take place. As well as two or three services on a Sunday there are bible study and visits to residential homes and local schools throughout the week. There are activities for young people throughout the week. These include Bible studies, Friday Fun Club and football team training. The Big Breakfast is a popular event for the whole village.

**Loseby Trust and Arnesby News Sheet.** The clerk read reports prepared by Monica Dowson. There are currently two vacant plots at the allotments. Last August Open Day was well attended and enjoyed. Improvements planned include increased parking and additional taps. A grant for this work will be sought from the May Faye.

150 copies of The News Sheet are printed and distributed monthly around the 20<sup>th</sup>. The Parish Council has approved a grant for ink and paper.

**5. Local Matters.** There were no matters raised.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and asked for thanks to be recorded to the Councillors for their commitment and to the Clerk for his support.

Chairman\_\_\_\_\_

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