

WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 30th April, 2014 at 7.30pm in Wall Village Hall.

Members Present:

**M. J. Crowe – Chairman F. Ellett – Vice Chair C. Rubisch
P. Sampson R Barker A Ryman**

In Attendance:

C. Dillow – Parish Clerk, County Councillor Mr D Smith and 1 member of the public

1. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 24th April 2013.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting, held on 24th April, 2013 were taken as read.

2. Chairman's Annual Report

The chairman read out his annual report (attached to the minutes).

3. To receive wall parish council statement of accounts 13/14 (unaudited)

The annual statement of accounts were considered and approved and signed by the Chairman

4. To receive analysis of annual maintenance programme for St Johns Church Wall

The clerk tabled copies of the maintenance programme and this was noted.

5. Any other business

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions and closed the meeting.

6. Questions from the floor

County Cllr Smith added his community fund is now open to applications and forms are available if anyone is interested in applying for Local Authority Governor.

One member of the public commented there appears to be a large amount of dog

fouling in the village. It was noted ordinary bins can also be used to dispose of dog
foul, Clerk to see if more signs can be obtained.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting closed at
8.00pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

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During the past twelve months the Parish Council have been involved in consultation with various departments in dealing with Planning, Highways (both County and Highways agency) and other statutory departments.

We have seen the completion of the previous Muckley Corner Hotel complex which had sadly become an eyesore and transformed the site back into residential units similar to how it was before the cottages were converted to form the Olde Corner Hotel minus shop & post office, the Public House section however remains unoccupied and recently an application has been lodged to change its use to office/business classification.

The planning application to place wind turbines at Aldershawe was refused by the District Council and taken to appeal to the planning inspectorate.

There have been various other planning matters in the Parish that the council have been consulted on, and at the present time the completion of the Lichfield South development is under consideration.

The Parish Council is in the process of compiling a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish which is ongoing and consultation with parishioners will be held at various times as these progresses through its stages.

Presently there are large scale alterations underway at Wall Island, the Parish Council held discussion with our colleagues at Shenstone PC and at District and County level regarding concerns as to diversionary routes where applicable.

Following our previous reasonable success we are once again entering Wall into the Best Kept Village Competition and hope that residents will support us in this. The Village attracts quite a large number of visitors not only to the Roman Site but to the area in general and is used by ramblers and people in general and their comments are very appreciative.

Grass cutting along verges within the 30 mph boundaries of Wall once again been put in the hands of a contractor appointed by us to ensure that they are cut to a reasonable standard and frequency. We have tried to negotiate

with the Housing Association regarding the standard of work to the grassed areas they are responsible for but they remain adamant that they will not do anything other than just cut the grass.

Following lengthy discussion as to responsibility we did finally manage to get the tarmac area along The Butts repaired and improved.

Once again we have had at our disposal a Community Payback team working in the Village and they have carried out various tasks at The Village Hall, The Picnic and Car Park area along with tasks in the Churchyard and Roman Site and areas where they can work safely within their remit. We are grateful to the Probation Service for this

input as it means that work can be carried out that otherwise we would have difficulty in funding. One of the tasks undertaken was to refurbish and install a bench near the Jubilee Milestone and car park in memory of his late wife Joan Linney.

The extension to the Church to provide toilets etc is almost complete and will be officially opened in June.

Following our efforts to highlight speeding vehicles along Ashcroft Lane the Safer Roads Partnership have at various times located a mobile speed camera at this location and in one relatively short period and at peak time on one day reported 91 offences.

Cllr MJ Crowe
Chair Wall PC.