

**Annual Parish Meeting of Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby Parish
Held on Monday 1st April 2019 at All Saints Parish Hall, Scratby at 7pm**

Chair: Adrian Peck. **Clerk:** Jayne Morse.

Together with 13 Parish Councillors, Mr Robert Stephenson from SCEG, and 7 members of the public. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Acceptance of Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the 9th April 2018:

The minutes were declared a true record and duly signed by the Chairman, unanimous.

Matters Arising: None.

Chairman's Report 2018-19 – Cllr. Adrian Peck:

This has been another year of change.

Our parish clerk gave us notice in September that she wished to leave at the end of January. This gave us plenty of time to advertise and recruit to the position of clerk, increasing the hours required from 20 to 30 per week.

We had a good field of applicants from which the personnel committee shortlisted 6. Interviews were held and I am delighted that our new clerk, Jayne Morse, accepted the position and joined us on 1 January to run alongside our outgoing clerk, Lisa Callow, for her last month.

I must take this opportunity to thank Lisa for all her hard work during the 18 months she was with us.

I was very pleased to welcome Jayne as our new clerk and I am happy to report that she has very quickly got to grips with her new duties. I look forward to continuing to work with her in the future.

Ivy Eyre and Andrew Eagle both resigned as councillors during the course of the year and I thank them for their many years of service to the community. Their positions have subsequently been filled, with Shirley Heelas representing Scratby and Steve Scott-Greenard representing Ormesby.

The steps to the beach at Scratby have been much on the agenda during the past 12 months. Council decided to commission a professional survey from Technicus Consulting, and we are awaiting their report. A meeting was held with local holiday companies to see if they would be willing to help finance replacement steps or a ramp. They were very positive in their response. Council also agreed to hold carvery lunches every Tuesday from 2 April, the proceeds from which to be put towards the cost of the steps. Councillor Sylvia Bigg is organizing these lunches.

A new water pipe has been installed at the allotments and the Working Party recommended increasing the fees from this October to fund further improvements.

The Jubilee Wood continues to be enjoyed by residents and a new litter bin has recently been placed at the entrance on Station Road. The Open Spaces Working Party will be making recommendations to Council over the coming months on further improvements to the Wood for the benefit of local residents.

During November, 6 trees were planted on the village green in Ormesby to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the end of the 1st World War. All the trees were fully sponsored by local groups or residents at no cost to the Council and the 6th tree (sponsored by the British Legion) was planted in a moving little ceremony on Remembrance Sunday.

Last April, a new contractor was commissioned to maintain hedges and grass which are the responsibility of the Council. Some initial issues have now been resolved. Extensive work has been carried out on the beech trees in the churchyard and all the hedges trimmed to 5ft for ease of maintenance.

The bus shelter on California Road has been repaired, and that on Cromer Road has been repainted and the missing roof tiles replaced.

On the village staithe, an area has been cleared to facilitate a parishioner mooring their boat.

The Ormesby Lads have enjoyed many football matches at the Recreation Ground. A burst water pipe caused some damage and repairs were carried out, funded by the insurance. Further maintenance will be required, and the Council has given permission for community events to be held there in the future.

A survey of the beach huts at Scratby was undertaken by the Open Spaces Working Party and a recommendation has been put forward to raise the rents and increase the number of huts.

The Ormesby Post Office will move from Cromer Road to the Spar Shop in North Road in mid-May.

In July the Community Newsletter was launched and has been well received. It has been totally funded from advertising revenue and is wholly run by volunteers. I would like to thank all those involved. It is published monthly, with 500 printed copies available from a range of community outlets, and has a substantial digital circulation.

Both Scratby and Ormesby received awards at the Great Yarmouth in Bloom competition.

It was with great sadness that the Council learned of the death of Borough Councillor Charles Reynolds. He has been much missed.

Finally, I must thank our new clerk Jayne for her hard work and help; my Vice-Chairman Kathryn Wendt for her support and especially for setting up the monthly open meetings for the public on the 1st Saturday of each month; all the councillors for their continuing commitment; and of course, the public for their keen interest, comments and suggestions.

Borough and County Councillor Report – Cllr. Ron Hanton:

Please see uploaded report on the Parish Council Website. A copy can be requested from the Clerk.

Recreation Ground Annual Report - Phil Myhill, Secretary O.L.F.C

The club has had another really good year with eight teams playing in the Norfolk and Suffolk youth league and a flourishing group of 4 to 6 year olds who are training for future teams. We have again been using Flegg FDC for some of our training sessions due to space issues at station road and we continue to use Rodney Scott to mark out our biggest pitch while doing the smaller ones ourselves. We have continued our program of improvements at the Pavilion with a complete refurbishment of the outer toilet and the addition of a large, built in trophy cabinet. The storage containers are leaking quite badly when it rains, and the roofs are becoming increasingly fragile and we need to be looking to replace them in the near future. Following the success of our previous summer football tournaments we are expanding to a two-day event this year and moving it to August, we would like to try and attract more local people to come along this year to make it more of a village event. I would like to close by thanking adrian and the parish council for their help and support over the past year, it is very much appreciated.

Allotment Annual Report - Cllr. K. Wendt

The Allotment Working Party have met at least five times over the last year. Some of these meetings have been held at the allotments and others at the Village Centre in Ormesby.

Following a water leak the decision was made to replace the pipe all along the road at the allotments and to improve the water flow from some of the taps which were moved to accommodate this. To try to keep costs of water bills down in the future the Working Party have obtained some water butts (given to us for free) and plan to erect them together with the water tank for use of plot holders. We will be making use of a shed that is no longer required for the Working Party to hold meetings and keep equipment in. We are also encouraging plot holders to install water butts.

Three 3mph signs have been erected along the road at the allotments to slow down cars. During the winter months it was necessary to close the road due to the wet conditions. We have also arranged with a tree felling company to off load chippings onto the pathway of the allotments whenever possible (contacting us when about to do so) to enable the chippings to be spread evenly to improve the road surface.

We have curbed the lighting up of bonfires from: after 4pm in the winter months and after 6pm in the summer months and the Working Party continue to enforce this.

We currently have 2 small and 2 medium sized plots available to rent out. We continue to advertise them locally.

Going forward the Working Party plan to:

- *Raise the rents by 50p a rod as agreed by the Parish Council
- *Join the National Allotment Association
- *Mark out each plot and number
- *Continue to monitor plots so that the allotments are tidy
- *Make any changes as and when necessary to the Tenancy Agreement

Bracecamp Parish Hall Annual Report – Cllr. Michael Cheetham (Bracecamp Parish Hall Chairman):

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Ormesby Village Centre Annual Report – Cllr. Reinhard Wendt

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All Saints Parish Hall Annual Report – Cllr. Geoff Freeman (ASPH Chairman):

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Ormesby Bowls Club Annual Report – Danny Saunders (Ormesby Bowls Club Chairman)

We had another successful season with the various leagues all doing well i.e. two Federation leagues, Yarmouth League, Men's Malta Cup, Ladies Malta Cup and Duffield League (which we entered for the first time). We did receive some new members. Due to the hot summer our green suffered, but our team of volunteers worked tirelessly to keep it playable.

Our Open Day is on Saturday 27th April at 1 p.m. when we look forward to welcoming old and new members.

Scratby & California Environment Group (SCEG) Annual report – Robert Stephenson (SCEG Chairman):

Following the repair of the Gabions at the north end of Scratby the main concentration has been to work through the Hemsby Coastal Liaison group in trying to secure protection for Hemsby. The current proposal is for a rock berm to run from Long Beach in Hemsby to a point about twenty metres south of the egress point at the junction of California Avenue and the Esplanade in Scratby. This is still at its early stages of development and the critical issue will be if funding can be found. If it can, then the earliest anticipated implementation would be 2-3 years away. In the longer term there are plans to look at putting in a fish tail groyne to help in building up the sand on the beach.

We are very grateful for the continuing support that we have received from the Parish Council over many years.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Chairman

Date