

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 19:45 in
Felmingham Village Hall**

- **Present were:-**
Vice Chairman Neil Thrush, Cllr. John Newstead, Cllr. Syd Arksey, and Cllr. Mike Pepperell.
- **Apologies:-**
Chairman Tim Papworth, Cllr. John Gouldsmith, Keith Dally, District Councillor Greg Hayman
- **Minutes from last AGM meeting**
 - It had been agreed that the 2020 AGM would be cancelled due to the Covid19 pandemic and that the current Parish Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillors would stand for a further year.
- **Matters Arising**
 - None
- **Review of the past year by the Chairman**
 - The Chairman asked Cllr. Neil Thrush to take the meeting in his absence and stated that he was happy to stand as Chairman for a further year subject to being proposed and seconded.
 - Vice Chairman presented the following report on behalf of the Chairman:-

Dear fellow Councillors

Sorry I am unable to be with you for this evening's AGM, I need to self-isolate before my operation on Wednesday to have my left foot fused because of arthritis!

2020 and the first half of 2021 will be remembered for a very long time and I'm sure will go down in history for all the wrong reasons! However, there was a lot of good things that happened, the weavers circular route opened up the area so more people could get their daily exercise, not all from the local area I might add! The community spirit was raised to a whole new level with parishioners looking after the elderly and vulnerable by doing shopping trips and collecting prescriptions from the doctors, some made facemasks, others donated produce from their allotments and there was a real comradeship to help others less fortunate as we all had time on our hands.

Bryant's Heath and the allotments have been two areas of great solace for people during this difficult time, the resurrection of the Heath has continued apace under the watchful eye of Neil. It is a great parish asset with a wonderful array of flora and fauna that we are responsible for protecting and enjoying so if you have not been to see I would urge you to go and have a look.

The lockdown did put a strain on our communications, and we are still seeking to improve the mobile phone signal for the area and the broadband speed. I cannot wait to see 5G when I am outside but 4G or 3G is the norm which does not help when you are trying to run a rural

business!

The snowdrifts earlier in the year took people by surprise, especially when they closed the B1145 and diverted cars onto the backroads around Antingham but the community spirit kicked in again and cars were being towed out by those with 4x4s and I even managed to get stuck and needed rescuing with a tractor! The snowploughs and continued frosts have done considerable damage to the road surface and please let us know of any potholes or subsidence so we can report it to the highways.

Christine has done a sterling job of keeping the parish council on track, multitasking is her second name with Grandma duties and Steve to look after, so thank you Christine for all the hard work you put into the parish.

The planning application for the old rectory was problematic, we would like to see the building being used rather than become derelict but not at the expense of upsetting residents, destroying the environment and causing problems with sewage, waste and the highways.

I understand the end is in sight for the village hall refurbishment and 'm looking forward o seeing it's completion at our August meeting.

Finally, I would like to thank Keith Dally for his time looking after us all in Felmingham and surrounding parishes, he has done some great work establishing the war memorial, discovering the William Talman grave, the history behind it and even getting Bishop Graham to visit the parish so I could update him on rural matters. Keith, I will miss our occasional roadside conversations and wish you and Susan all the very best in your move to Lincolnshire.

Keep Staying Safe and look after each other.

- **Election of New Chair and Vice chairman**
 - The Chairman and Vice chairman stood down.
 - The Clerk called for nominations for Chairman. Cllr. Neil Thrush proposed Cllr. Tim Papworth to continue as Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr. Syd Arksey. There were no other nominations.
 - In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr. Tim Papworth, the Clerk then called for nominations for vice chairman. Cllr. John Newstead proposed Cllr Neil Thrush. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Des Fern. There were no other nominations for Vice chairman.
 - There are no casual vacancies at this time.

The AGM was closed at 20:00.

Signed by Chairman

Date