

GEORGE NYMPTON & QUEEN'S NYMPTON

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at George Nympton Village Hall

14th April 2016

The meeting was opened at 7pm and was chaired by Trudy Herniman, chair of George Nympton & Queen's Nympton Parish Council

1. Trudy Herniman

Trudy opened the meeting the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. She encouraged everyone to celebrate our community and thanked all the community groups for their contribution. Trudy also said that the Castle Inn is increasingly busy thanks to the hard work of Ian & Debbie.

2. Minutes

Trudy read the minutes from The Annual Parish Meeting held on 23rd April 2015. The minutes were accepted and signed by the chairman with all in agreement.

3. Greener for Life

Trudy welcomed David Manley from Greener for Life. He gave a presentation on the developments for the anaerobic digester at Great Hele Farm. He explained that the most recent planning applications are extensions to existing approved plans. The plans are to provide increased containment in case of spillage, to extend the bund and plant screening of these applications but may be part of future plans.

Responding to questions from the parishioners, Mr Manley said that the existing tanks are big enough to store everything that will be produced which was a requirement of Greener for Life's permit. He said that these plans were not part of the original application because of the need for speed and to prevent the need for multiple applications. Mr Manley also said that The Environmental Agency are the body responsible for monitoring quality of crops used and that there is no change to odour management plans and no outstanding plans still to be submitted. He concluded by informing the meeting that there will be opportunities for the community to visit the site.

4. Police Report

Trudy read the latest Police report to the meeting which include advice on keeping garden equipment and outbuildings safe.

5. Historical Society

Anthony Karlake asked if there was any interest in reviving the group to look at the history of George Nympton. He will not be available until the end of May and his contact details will be in the May edition of the newsletter. He asked for anyone interested in doing

watercolours or research for the book on the history of the village to contact him. While he is away, please contact: trudy.herniman@gmail.com

6. Parish Council

Trudy gave an update from the Parish Council. She thanked Mary Burbidge for her work as the Clerk and informed the meeting that Nan Maxwell has now taken over that role. Mary is now a councillor and will continue in her role as RFO. Trudy also said that there is still a vacancy for a councillor.

7. Social Club

Muriel Price reported that the lunch club meets on the third Friday of every month in the Castle Inn where they are made to feel very welcome. Please contact Muriel for further information. muriel_price@yahoo.com

8. Crime Prevention

John McCrow reported that there is only one police officer nominated to liaise with on crime prevention matters and that the officer is currently unavailable. John will contact the police again re this.

9. Village Hall

Trudy read a report which had been prepared by Ann Wilson. The village hall has been used by clubs, the parish council, church fund raising events, the village fete and private parties. The major fund raiser for the hall is the 50 club, supported by 80 members. Also some well attended quiz nights. Ann thanks parishioners for their donations, in particular Mark Dean and his village fete team, Trish Ford for Phil the Bag, Jane Williams for hedge and grass cutting. She asked for anyone whom she has missed to forgive her. She also thanked the Parish Council for applying to NDC for £250 from the community fund which is a welcome contribution towards funding refurbishment to the fire door, fascia board and guttering.

Running costs are a minimum of £3½ -£4k p.a. and Ann said the committee need to devote their energies to increasing cash reserves before embarking on an improvement drive.

Accounts will be presented at the AGM on Wednesday 25th May at 8.30pm. All welcome to the meeting.

The committee is small in numbers and would welcome anyone who would like to join.

10. Horticultural Society

The summer show will be on 2nd August. This will be the 50th anniversary show and all entries are very welcome.

11. Village Fete

Mark Dean spoke to the meeting and said that the fete is growing every year and more volunteers are needed. This year's fete will be on July 16th. Many parishioners at the meeting kindly agreed to help with an assortment of tasks and roles. If you can help please contact: markdean711@gmail.com

12. Church Update

Ian Bateman gave an update from the church. The church has been managing to hold mostly weekly services despite a worryingly falling attendance due to people leaving the village or

just getting older. Special services are still held at Christmas, Easter, Rogation, Harvest and Remembrance which have been well supported. There was one baptism and sadly two funerals. There have also been a number of events, including Open Gardens, Harvest Supper, Coffee Mornings, Carol Signing and the Advent Crib Festival.

Money has been raised for several charities. Maintenance and repairs to the church has to be paid for and over £8000 per year is sent to the Exeter Diocese to support the church and clergy.

Ian thanked Mark Dean for the donation to the church from the proceeds of the fete and also the Parish Council for covering the cost of grass cutting in the church yard.

Last year £2000 was spent on repairs to windows. This year the quinquennial inspection is likely to bring a need for further repairs.

The church tries to keep in touch with and be a part of the community by joining in and helping with events. Pat has taken over producing the monthly newsletter and would welcome any comments, suggestions or contributions.

The PCC Annual Meeting will be held on April 26th at 7.30pm. Financial details will be available at the meeting and everyone is welcome.

Bell ringing practice takes place every Wednesday.

13. Closing Remarks

In her closing remark Trudy thanked the Parish Councillors, The Church, The Village Hall and the villagers. She also thanked Pat Bateman for producing the Newsletter.

The meeting closed at 8.04pm