

KEYHAM PARISH/VILLAGE MEETING

Minutes of the Parish/Village meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2015 7.30pm

Present: Mr Tony Johnson – Chairman
Mrs Sylvia Wood – Secretary
16 Members of the Village

Apologies for absence were received from Claire Windle, Steve and Mair Mitchell

1) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th April were taken to be read from Keyham web site and adopted by Carole Johnson & Margaret Hughes.

2) MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST YEAR'S MINUTES

The hole in the land at the junction of Ingarsby Road and Beeby Lane has still not been filled in, but Chairman still keeps chasing.

3) ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Tony Johnson agreed to carry on as Chairman for another year, which was proposed by Keith Wood and seconded by Chris Bean.

4) ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Sylvia Wood agreed to carry on as Secretary for another year, which was proposed by Elizabeth Henderson and seconded by Hugh Henderson.

5) ELECTION OF KEYHAM CHARITIES

Both parties agreed to carry on David Whitcomb – proposed by Richard Windle – seconded by Sandra Price, Margaret Hughes – proposed Hugh Henderson – seconded by Carole Johnson.

6) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- All potholes have now been fixed
- Damage to road at corner of Ingarsby Road and Kings Lane not yet repaired
- Curb outside Fox End (The Hills) now fixed
- Open Gardens great success.
- Fly tipping still a problem, be vigilant report to Tony if necessary

7) VILLAGE MEETING BUDGET FOR 2015/16

The Chairman gave background information to the budget.

KEYHAM VILLAGE MEETING BUDGET FOR YEAR 2015/16

Surplus carried forward from 2013/14: £6780.32

BUDGET	ITEM	ACTUAL	PRECEPT 2015/16
£		£	£
650	Cemetery mowing	580.00	600
370	Street Lighting/maint.	250.78	350
350	Village Insurance	310.02	350
650	Village Hall	650.00	650
600	Miscellaneous	204.35	725
100	Subscriptions /audit fees	123.00	125
2720	TOTALS	2118.15	2800

Surplus carried forward to 2015/16 £7382.17

Notes:

- Expenditure less than budget overall.
- Village insurance still at a favourable rate.

8) REPORTS OF CHAIRPERSONS

Keyham Charities Report – for year end 2014

Last year saw the refurbishment of Cottage No 1 which, as expected was very costly; we had however planned for such an eventually. We also undertook some minor reconfiguration work at Cottage No 3 which enabled a redesign and installation of a much better kitchen. Hopefully the extensive refurbishment of the cottages is now coming to an end but it is very important that their upkeep is maintained as they are the key asset of the Charities. All the cottages are again occupied, with Shoulers remaining our Management Company.

For information, the Charities effectively comprise two charities namely Keyham Relief in Need and Keyham Education Foundation. Our priority will always be Relief in Need and we encourage anyone in such a predicament to contact us. The Education Foundation has in the past year supported Bridge Classes, Keep Fit and flower arranging classes for the Ladies Flower Group.

Lastly, the Trust Deed stipulates that three of the Trustees are ‘nominated’ Trustees, two being nominated via the Village Meeting, one from the PCC. Both David W and myself are the nominated Trustees through this meeting and are both up for re-election this year. Both of us are happy and willing to continue.

Margaret Hughes (Treasurer)

CHURCH WARDENS REPORT 2015

We wish to thank Alison for her support and commitment throughout the year and it has also been very good to have her Curate, Felix Smith taking an active part in the parish.

Services remain: Communion 9am on the second Sunday and a 5pm evening Compline on the fourth Sunday.

As always we are very grateful to other visiting clergy who have helped over the year in particular Gordon Richmond and Philip Norwood.

In 2015 there was one funeral held in the church, but no Christenings or weddings.

The average attendance at services over the year as 12, which is 2 more than 2013, excellent attendance at the Benefice services.

Thank you to the numerous villagers who help to keep the church clean, tidy and functioning, in particular Hugh Henderson for sharing churchwarden duties. Also John & Margaret Hughes and the Flower Club ladies for their lovely flower arrangements. Also to Claire for playing the organ, and to Hugh and Elizabeth for their hospitality to fellow members of the PCC.

Church finances remain healthy, but rely on OG to boost donations as the yearly charge to the Diocese of £4253 and increasing at 2% per year.

Fabric of the church.

There is a crack at the North East corner of the Chancel which has not changed over the past 2 years of observation and is under constant review.

Ivy on West was removed and close trees need occasional attention

Mice damaged to alter frontals required control.

A wall heater was replaced in December.

The main problem is the Christmas church lights, they are in need of replacing due to damage caused by wear to the wiring due to the constant movement in the tree itself. : Parts of the wiring and bulbs have been replaced over the years, but they have reached their end.

We are now looking at an alternative to tree lights to commemorate our late friends and loved ones, so any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Richard Windle (Churchwarden)

VILLAGE HALL

Thanks to the committee especially Treasurer Tony Johnson and Secretary Elizabeth Henderson.

The hall has been well used in the past 12 months with all the usual things. Recently caravaners from LMF have used the hall over the Easter holiday.

Financially sound thanks to Open Gardens in 2014, but that needs to last for 3 years until next OG in 2017.

Renovation programme will be started this year but will take time given the need for grant applications. Any ideas regarding improvements to Village Hall Chairman please.

John Hughes (Chairman)

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Some standard applications for extensions and tree pruning in the village all routine.

Applications from LMF still come thick and fast. Barn change of use reapplication refused followed by an enforcement order. That order is now being challenged by Mr. Clark and we await the outcome. The KCC position is that residents must retain control of the situation and be able to protest against TENs should events be noisy and/or accompanied by anti-social behaviour. Mr. Clark now has permission to build a permanent residence to replace the mobile bungalow and to erect yet another barn. Recent application for car port not opposed by KCC

Former T & S Nurseries land. Permission for barn and road refused for various reasons. Enforcement order has been served on the owners to remove all rubble for the site.

Ros Atkin resigned and we thank her for her contribution. This creates a vacancy.

John Hughes (Secretary)

KEYHAM NEWS

Going well and appears to be well received by readers, please keep the contributions coming, Especially photographs.

John & Margaret Hughes (Editors)

TASK FORCE – VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT

- All planters are well stocked
- Hanging baskets are kept looking good
- New plants have been added in the trough (outside the Bridgwoods)
- All seats in the village are being kept clean
- Thanks to Keith Wood for the seat in the bus shelter on Kings Lane.

9) FINANCIAL REPORT

See Budget.

10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Western Power is starting work in the infrastructure for the housing on Snows Lane. This will be ongoing.

The grass cutting is now to be done 5 times a year and not 7.

Web support: If we wish to continue with a web site, we will need to decide whether we wish to maintain it ourselves. A show of hands showed Yes we agreed to continue.

The broadband performance seems to be ok and no complaints were made.

Traffic calming on Ingarsby Road was raised. It was decided if anyone wanted to look into further measures it would be looked at. It was felt all has been done that can be done.

The meeting closed at 9:03pm.