

# **KEYHAM PARISH/VILLAGE MEETING**

Minutes of the Parish/Village meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016 7.30pm

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

Apologies for absence were received from Hugh Henderson, Richard Windle, Claire Windle, Brian Atkin, Matt Wheeler, Christine & Tony Hill.

## **1) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April were taken to be read from Keyham website and adopted by Margaret Hughes & Elizabeth Henderson.

## **2) MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST YEAR'S MINUTES**

Electric upgrade by Western Power very satisfactory now completed.

Grass cutting now takes place 6 times a year.

## **3) ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Tony Johnson agreed to carry on as Chairman for another year, which was proposed by Martin Fisher and Fiona Dowsett.

## **4) ELECTION OF SECRETARY**

Sylvia Wood agreed to carry on as Secretary for another year, which was proposed by Carole Johnson & Jane Baker.

## **5) CHAIRMANS REPORT**

- All potholes have now been fixed outside Allotments
- Potholes towards Beeby now done
- Drains all cleaned out
- All grass cut to schedule
- Road sweeping done as schedule
- Outstanding white line painting, Kings Lane, Main Street, Main Street, Snows Lane
- Fly tipping still a problem

## **6) VILLAGE MEETING BUDGET FOR 2015/16**

The Chairman gave background information to the budget (attached)

**KEYHAM VILLAGE MEETING  
BUDGET FOR YEAR 2016/17**

**Surplus carried forward from 2014/15: £7382.17**

<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>PRECEPT 2016/17</b>
£		£	£
600	Cemetery mowing	660.00	700
350	Street Lighting/maint.	251.00	350
350	Village Insurance	366.00	275
650	Village Hall	650.00	650
725	Miscellaneous	321.00	400
65	Subscriptions /audit fees	18.00	125
60	Website creation/ support	60.00	850
<b>2800</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2326</b>	<b>3350</b>

**Surplus carried forward to 2016/17 £7856.00**

**Notes:**

- **Expenditure less than budget overall.**
- **Village insurance still at a favourable rate.**
- **Audit fee waived.**
- **Additional costs for website in the coming year.**

## **7) REPORTS OF CHAIRPERSONS**

### **Keyham Charities Report – for year end 2015**

Keyham Charities main assets are the four cottages sited adjacent to the Church and as Trustees we must continue to maintain and improve them. Shoulers, our lettings agency, carry out annual inspections and we actively progress any maintenance issues that they report. Similarly we encourage the tenants themselves to suggest improvements too in order to keep the cottages in good order. Last year we completed the re-pointing of the front elevation of the cottages and this Spring the exterior of the cottages will be painted. We also have very good tenants at present and we hope that they continue to enjoy living in our village.

In 2015 we again supported some regular activities (e.g. bridge classes) and events (e.g. Christmas Lunch) and we currently have outstanding monetary commitments to both the Church and Village Hall for the lightning conductor and the refurbishment project respectively.

The allotment project continues to thrive and management of that area on a day to day basis is the responsibility of those villagers with allotment plots.

The Trustees meet four times a year to discuss matters relating to the cottages and any applications for monetary support. However should you require any urgent help or know of someone who does then please get in touch with our Chairman David Witcomb.

Lastly, it is some considerable time since information relating to the Charity's Trust Deed and guidance on the submission of requests for financial assistance was published; this will be done within the next two months.

### **Margaret Hughes (Treasurer)**

#### **Report for All Saints Church for the year ending April 2016 to Keyham Village Meeting**

We wish to thank Reverend Alison for her support and commitment. As always it is a real pleasure working with her and she is much liked and appreciated by the villagers. Our curate Felix was ordained last year and during Alison's sabbatical in 2015, he took on even more active part in the services and we thank him for his hard work and support for both the Church and for the village over the last year.

As always we are very grateful to other visiting clergy who have helped over the year in particular Gordon Richmond and Phillip Norwood and it has been a pleasure having Jeff Hopewell back, as he was a curate 25 years ago. He has recently retired and now lives in Billesdon.

In 2015 there were no funerals held in the church and no Christenings or weddings. The average attendance at services over the year was 13 which is 1 more than 2014 and there was excellent attendance at the Benefice services.

We wish to thank numerous villagers who help to keep the church clean, tidy and functioning, in particular to John and Margaret Hughes and to the ladies of Keyham for making the church look so beautiful with their flower arrangements; to Hugh Henderson helping me with church warden duties; to Claire for playing the organ; to Elizabeth and Hugh for their frequent hospitality, and to fellow members of the PCC.

The Church finances remain reasonably healthy but we rely on Functions like Keyham Gardens to boost the donations from villagers in order to pay the yearly charge to the Diocese of around £4500 and increasing at 2% per year. Also if there is anyone who would like to join the Parish Electoral Roll, which is an indicator to the Diocese that we have a well-supported church or to join the Parochial Church Council to have a say in how the Church can integrate best they would be very welcome. Many thanks to Peter Gothard for his help with the positions of a Christmas tree near the Church gate and with the fitting of the lights on it for the lights service at the beginning of Advent to commemorate lost friends and relatives. The tree looked wonderful and the service was very well attended.

There continues to be thefts of lead from local churches, so can everyone please keep an eye and ear out for any suspicious activity round the church.

2015-16 was a busy year for the fabric of the Church.

The crack at north-east corner of the Chancel has not changed over the 3 years observation and is constant review.

Lightning conductors and a surge protection unit have been fitted to the church tower and we gratefully acknowledge the donation from Keyham Charities for this.

The roof of the porch has been re-slatted.

The Church Council was asked if antennae could be placed on the tower roof to receive high speed broadband and relay it to businesses and houses in the village. This was agreed and the work has now been completed. It should ensure that the village has excellent broadband reception and early report indicate this is so and it should also provide the church with free broadband.

**Richard Windle (Churchwarden)**

## **VILLAGE HALL**

Thanks to the committee especially Treasurer Tony Johnson and Secretary Elizabeth Henderson. 2015 was a normal year with the usual levels of usage. In Jan 2016 the renovation project started and is expected to be completed in June. The main aim of the project is to refurbish the kitchen in its entirety, replace toilet floors and board and skim the south wall. Problems have been encountered (not unusual for a building of this age.) but have been overcome and additional items have been added to the original specification (most notably the removal of the stage, new curtains and restoration of the main hall floor). The project budget is £16,000 made up of grants from the Big Lottery Fund, Keyham Charities and hall reserves.

**John Hughes (Chairman)**

## **CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

For the benefit of newcomers the KCC is tasked with commenting on Planning Applications that affect the entire village or a significant part of the village.

At this particular moment there are four developments of note that may have the potential to impact upon village they are:-

Development of a Chicken Farm at Manor Farm, Beeby, put up fight but nothing can be done

Proposed Housing development and Relief Road at Scraftoft Golf Club

Developments at Walkers Stable, Hungarton Lane, permission to build barn but not to planning application, reported to HDC that 28 days up, TJ awaits comments.

Developments at Long Meadow Farm. Applied for 10 temporary events in Barn, & Pooch parlour

## **KEYHAM NEWS**

Thanks to all regular contributors to Keyham News (Bookworm, Oddly, Vicar, WI and Tony Johnson). Thanks to all other ad hoc contributors; please keep sending in your articles and photographs.

We now have a circulation (by Email) of about 100 copies to Keyham, Hungarton and further afield, a very few printed copies are provided for those without E mail. All copies are available on line at Leicestershire Villages website.

We hope you enjoy reading it.

**John Hughes (Editor)**

## **TASK FORCE – VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT**

- All planters are well stocked
- Hanging baskets are kept looking good
- Suggest plant more pale daffodils around Keyham Sign
- Clean road signs
- Clean phone box & letter box
- Litter picking need party of volunteers

### **8) FINANCIAL REPORT**

See Budget

### **9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

PLEASE NOTE – OPEN GARDENS 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017

The meeting concluded at 9:03pm.