

MESHAW PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM AT MARIANSLEIGH PARISH HALL, OXHAM CROSS

Present: Jeff Souch (Chairman) and Sarah Vertigan (Parish Clerk)

In Attendance: Angus Cottey, Joy Cottey, Roger Creed, Brendan Shaw, Tim Smith, Jill Souch, Mary Tait

Apologies: Apologies were received from Joy Cottey, Sally Meikle and Trevor Olver

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 23 April 2018

Those present were given time to read the previous minutes and it was requested that the words 'of governance' be inserted under item 3 (3rd line) after the words 'sound system' – therefore it would read '.... He was confident that Meshaw Parish Meeting had a sound system of governance.' It was proposed that the minutes would be signed off as a true record by Brendan Shaw and seconded by Tim Smith. The Chairman duly amended and signed the minutes.

2. Audit Commission on the accounts for 2017/18

The Chairman reported that a notice had been posted on the village noticeboard in July, in accordance with the Audit Commission, informing all members of the Parish that the accounts were available to be scrutinised if they wished by contacting the Parish Clerk. No one has asked.

3. To receive the accounts for present year-to-date for 2018/19 and to authorise payment necessary before the next meeting

The Chairman presented the current state of the accounts which showed the following agreed payments had yet to be made: Community News £35, Projection Screen £74.79 and the two payments to the PCC (via Lorna Nott) £308 for the upkeep of the Churchyard. The Parish Clerk apologised to Lorna Nott for not having made the payment to the PCC already and in future she would do so on 1st May and 1st October. The Chairman and Clerk's expenses had already been approved but the final figure would not be known until the end of the financial year, March 2019.

4. Budget 2019/20 proposal

The Chairman had presented the budget for 2019/20, which showed a proposed expenditure total of £573, made up of Burial Ground grant, Community News, Website, Hall Hire, Electricity for Xmas tree lights and Chairman & Clerk's expenses for 2019/20. Angus Cottey proposed the approval of the budget and Roger Creed seconded it. It was duly accepted.

5. Matters Arising

North Devon Community Fund: there had been no applications

Batsworthy Cross Windfarm Community Fund: the Chairman will be looking to ask them to fund the Meshaw Together project

Planning Applications to date: the Chairman reported that there had only been 3 applications which had all been approved since there was nothing contentious about any of them (Bourne Bridge Farm – change of use from Agricultural land to Equestrian, Bourne Park – covering a yard, Beechnut Farm – permitted development)

Neighbourhood Watch:

Roger Creed reported that he would post any notices on the new village website.

Village website:

The Webmaster (BS) requested that if anyone had any news or items of interest he would like to hear from them. He was now in possession of the 'Pat Smith Collection' and he had used a few of the old photos already. It was agreed that he wouldn't put them all up on the website until we had explored the possibility of putting on an exhibition in the church as part of the Meshaw Together project. It was also discussed that maybe they could be lent to the South Molton library at some point. Further discussions were had about the possibility of having a History Society which might meet occasionally for those who are interested in the history of the village and families. Jill Souch agreed to explore this to see who might be interested.

Update on Meshaw Together project:

The Chairman reported that he had received no response from Lottery Funding for All.

6. Any Other Business

Scarecrow week – was a great success and it was suggested that we hold another in 2019. When?

Snow Wardens:

The Chairman reported that he had a pallet-full of grit for the winter and he and Angus would make sure the bins were filled.

Harvest 2019:

There were discussions about holding some kind of Harvest Festival and it was agreed to approach one of the members of the Parish to see if they would be willing to lend their barn for such an occasion.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.