

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY

18TH APRIL 2016 IN RUNWELL VILLAGE HALL AT 8PM

Present Mr Lansdale (Chair); Clerk Mrs Jo Pharez; 6 Members of Runwell Parish Council; CCC Ward Representative Ray Ride; Representatives of Village Groups and members of the public. (Approximately 50 in attendance in total)

Apologies Chelmsford City Councillor Representative Lance Millane; Runwell Parish Council – Mr M Rogers, Mrs S Varney; WPCSO Hilary Willmot; Mrs J Dockerill – Runwell Patcher's; Mr K Peckover - Runwell Sports & Social; Father Jo Delfgou – St. Mary's Church

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Roy Hart from River Crouch Conservation Trust to give a presentation.

Roy gave an interesting presentation and slide show on the work of the River Crouch Conservation Trust. The group has spent many hours of hard work clearing rubbish from the river and monitoring the condition of the river in general. The cleanliness of the river and the abundance of wildlife now present in the river and around the banks is testament to this dedicated group of volunteers.

For more information or to volunteer for a work party go to:
<http://www.rivercrouchconservationtrust.org.uk>

Chairman's Report

The Chairman read out his annual report – see Appendix 1.

Finance Report

The Clerk read out the finance report – see Appendix 2.

Refreshment break

REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

The following groups gave reports:

1. Allotments Association – Judy Fearnley
2. Runwell Indoor Bowls – Roy Dockerill
3. Runwell Sports and Social Club – The Chairman read out a report
4. Runwell Scouts and Cubs – Dave Spooner
5. Runwell Brownies/Guides and Rainbows – Janet Nelson
6. Runwell Horticultural Assoc. – Marianne Smith
7. St. Mary's Church – Revd Sue Wise
8. Runwell Community Primary School – Headteacher Louise Hoskyns

9. Runwell Dance Club – Alan Ford
10. Runwell Games Club – The Chairman read out a report
11. Runwell Village Pre School – No report
12. Public Rights of Way/ Local history – David De’ath
13. Chelmsford City Council – Ray Ride
14. Welcome Club – Mrs Marlene Hutchins
15. Runwell Patchers – Apologies – No report

The Chairman thanked all the groups for their reports. It is evident that Runwell is a thriving community with many dedicated volunteers running a wide range of activities.

Open Forum - Questions/Comments

- RD asked the Chairman about the project to purchase new curtains for the Village Hall. The Chairman responded that SV was co-ordinating the project; awaiting quotations.
- TB asked “what has happened to the Village Sign”. The Chairman responded the sign was being refurbished and would be replaced shortly.
- RD raised a query re parking in and around Runwell Community Primary School and asked that the parish council monitor the parking after the current building work is completed. Parking issues have been an increasing annoyance to the residents nearby. The Headteacher Louise Hoskyns responded saying that the persistent nuisance parkers had been photographed and they were doing their best to improve the situation. The new car park was due to be ready on 22nd April.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10pm