

Minutes of the Dersingham Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 21 April 2016 at
7.00pm At St Cecilia's Church.

Present: 7 Councillors, 2 Members of the Public.

Apologies: None Received.

Cllr Payne chaired the meeting.

1 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 29 April 2015

a) To approve the minutes.

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

b) Matters arising from the minutes.

Cllr Houston enquired if there was an update with regards a speaker system being used during meetings. The Chair informed Cllr Houston that even if the speaker system was to be repaired the school refuses to allow any electrical equipment to be used on the premises unless it is PA tested. The equipment is also too heavy for staff to carry and we are unable to leave stored at the school. Cllr Hopkins suggested as a standalone mic however The Chair said this was not an option as it still electrical equipment.

Dersingham Centre Update: Cllr Payne advised that fundraising was and will continue to be an ongoing thing. The Lottery application was still being processed and was thought that a decision was imminent. Cllr Payne stated Historical England had raised concerns with the Planning Application however these were being reviewed. Cllr Houston asked how much The Dersingham Centre had in funds and if the Dersingham Lottery had had much response. Cllr Payne advised she was uncertain as details were with the association, with regards to the Lottery response was slow. The Lottery is to be drawn at The Village Voice Live evenings.

The Warren: Cllr Anderson said he had started to make enquiries with regards to pond plants. Once he had had responses he would notify The Clerk with regards to an order being placed. As there is a lot of work involved with planting Cllr Anderson would like to call for any volunteers that wish to help. A Parishioner raised concerns that the long grass on The Warren was only encouraging dog walkers to allow their dogs to foul in the area and not pick it up. The Grass needed to be cut frequently as it would automatically improve the look of the area. Cllr Anderson said the area is left long to encourage wildlife. Cllr Payne stated that there are no dog wardens in the area to deal with dog fouling. Public felt that something really needed to be done with regards to the dog fouling problem and suggested someone should take photographic proof of the owners neglecting pick the dog mess up. Cllr Payne agreed and said The Borough Council has an Enforcement Team however they need the proof of the offence. Cllr Hopkins suggested anti-fouling signs be placed around The Warren as a reminder.

Matters Raised by Electors that they would like The Parish Council to take forward: A Parishioner asked where The Warren was? Cllr Hathaway advised it was on the back end of Manor Road with the track running opposite The Drift. The Chair suggested referring to the map enclosed in The Dersingham Data. Cllr Anderson said the money held for The Warren cannot be used elsewhere, it is to be used to

maintain The Warren and has no impact on The Precept. A Parishioner asked where the water had come from to fill the pond, Cllr Hathaway said the Fire brigade had been on site and pumped the water from The Drift. Cllr Anderson stated the pond was too deep to dry out and once the area is planted the plants will adjust themselves with the conditions and will look great next year.

Date, Time, Place of next Annual Parish Meeting.

Date to be set.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 7.27pm