



## Meeting Minutes

# Mattishall Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 17 April 2019 at 7.30 pm, Memorial Hall

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Parish Councillors present: Richard Norton (Chairman) and Luisa Cantera (Parish Clerk), Pablo Dimoglou and Paul Claussen (both District Councillors) and 29 members of the public.

### **1 Welcome and apologies for absence**

Mr Norton opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Mrs Ward, Secretary of the Mattishall & Burgh Charity.

### **2 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2018**

The minutes of the 2018 meeting were signed by the meeting Chairman as a correct record without amendment.

### **3 Report from Richard Norton on the Council's year**

The Chairman read out his report covering recent projects undertaken by the Parish Council. The report features as an appendix to the minutes.

### **4 Luisa Cantera on the Council's draft finances for 2018-19**

The Clerk gave an overview of the Parish Council's finances which are subject to audit. The Clerk also presented a photographic slide show of the Council's year.

### **5 Paula Gilluley, Norfolk Police Community Engagement: Setting up Speed Watch and Neighbourhood Watch for Mattishall**

Mrs Gilluley explained that she her primary aim is to support and coordinate local policing in the area. She is the link between the public and the Police. Mrs Gilluley spoke about speed watch and neighbourhood watch and how beneficial for the community it is to have these initiatives working actively in the village. She urged the Parish Council to always send a representative to the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel meetings, held regularly in Dereham, as this is a good way to get Mattishall heard from a Police perspective.

### **6 Steve Nunn, Community Action Norfolk: How to save money on your home energy bills**

Mr Nunn shared various tips on how to save money, for instance by shopping around for better deals.

**7 Ollie Simons, YMCA Leader, The new Mattishall youth club's first year and beyond**

Mr Simons spoke about the work of the YMCA. The Mattishall youth club started in August 2018 and has gone from strength to strength. It runs on a Friday night at the Memorial Hall from 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm for children aged 10-16 supported by two staff and a volunteer. They are currently looking for further volunteers.

**8 Jackie Tooke, Mattishall WI: Celebrating the Women's Institute's centenary year**

Mrs Tooke, the current President of the Mattishall WI, spoke about the organisation's early years starting in November 1921 with 30 members. The Mattishall WI now has 45 members and meets once a month in the Memorial Hall with speakers, days and evenings out and of course their well-known cakes at most events. The Mattishall WI is part of the Norfolk Federation which is celebrating their centenary later this year.

**9 Fred Garner, Trustee: Mattishall & Burgh Charity**

Mr Garner, Chairman of the Mattishall & Burgh Charity, gave an update on the charity's finances. The charity helps villagers in need of financial assistance, usually around Christmas. They gave £7,445 to 34 residents who made a claim in 2018.

**10 John Rockliff, Trustee: The Barlow Charity**

Mr Rockliff spoke briefly about the work of the Barlow Charity. The charity manages affordable properties on Old School Green and maintains the garden areas and carpark in front of the houses as well as the house painting.

**11 Any other business**

Mr Claussen, District Councillor, spoke briefly on the achievements of Breckland Council over the past year, including the market town initiative (supporting the five market towns in the district to make funds available for attracting visitors and new businesses), the Breckland Innovation Den and Breckland lottery.

A member of the public asked whether anyone knew about any improvements to the phone signal locally. A district councillor responded to say that there is an update on Norfolk County Council's website.

A member of the public asked about coloured paint marked on pavements. Someone said it was probably Anglian Water.

District Councillor, Pablo Dimoglou, spoke to say that he appreciates the work of the Parish Council.

The car scheme coordinator thanked the Parish Council for their support.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. He closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.