

**MINUTES OF COCKFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018 7.30 p.m.  
AT COCKFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

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**PRESENT:** Derek Southgate (Chairman), Councillors Janne Cutting-Keyton, Barbara Ruffell, Robin Morley, Ralph Turner, Rodney Williams, Rod Portwood, and Alan Morgan.

District Councillor Clive Athey, PC Chris Thomas, Neil Ashton (Computer Circle/Village Website), Dick Bayes (Catey), Revd Sharon Potter (St Peter's Church), Tony Box (United Charities), Brenda Dyer (Women's Institute), Gerry Blake (Congregational Church) and 9 members of the public.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.  
The minutes were taken by the Parish Clerk Steve Ball
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Were Cllr Robert Lindsay, Cllr Carl Brinkley, Trudie Harkin (CEVC Primary School).
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** Were read and approved by proposal from Cllr Janne Cutting-Keyton, seconded by Cllr Rod Portwood.
4. There were no matters arising from the minutes from the last Annual Parish Meeting.
5. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:** In Cllr Robert Lindsay's absence, Derek Southgate read the report (written copy attached).
6. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:** Cllr Clive Arthey gave his annual report (written copy attached). Cllr Clive Arthey answered questions on several planning issues and organisational changes.
7. **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT:** Cllr Derek Southgate, Chairman, gave the annual report (written copy attached). Cllr Derek Southgate answered questions on highways cleanliness adjacent to development works and reasons for the increase in the Parish Council budget.
8. **SAFER SUDBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM:** PC Cris Thomas highlighted police funding as an issue and explained that a team of three Police Officers plus Community Support Officers based at Sudbury cover 40 villages. PC Chris Thomas advised people to call 999 (for emergencies), 101 (for other suspicious activity) and encouraged them to e-mail [Sudbury.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Sudbury.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk) (for other non-urgent contact) as this e-mail account is monitored daily. (copy of SNT Newsletter attached).
9. **VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS and ACTIVITIES**
  - 9.1 **COCKFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL:** Councillor Rodney Williams gave the annual report (written copy attached). Cllr Rodney Williams thanked Sandra Stannard (who has now moved out of the village) for all the support she has provided to the Community Council.

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- 9.2 VILLAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Committee Chairman Janne Cutting-Keyton gave the annual report (written copy attached).
- 9.3 COMPUTER CIRCLE/VILLAGE WEBSITE: Neil Ashton gave the annual report (written copy attached).
- 9.4 CATEY PRE-SCHOOL: Chairman Dick Bayes gave the annual report (written copy attached).
- 9.5 ST PETER'S CHURCH: Revd Sharon Potter gave the annual report (written copy attached).
- 9.6 UNITED CHARITIES: Trustee Chairman Tony Box gave the annual report and accounts (written copies attached).
- 9.7 WOMENS' INSTITUTE: President Brenda Dyer gave the annual report (written copy attached).
- 9.8 FOOTBALL CLUB: In Club Secretary Joe Brinkley's absence, no annual report was available.
- 9.9 COCKFIELD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH: Gerry Blake gave the annual report (written copy attached).
- 9.10 "GREEN LINKS": Editor Janne Cutting-Keyton gave the annual report (written copy attached).
- 9.11 CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL: In Trudie Harkin's absence, Cllr Derek Southgate read the report (written copy attached).

**10. OPEN FORUM:**

David Hodge thanked Paul Heather and his wife for their voluntary work in keeping the footpaths clear, particularly between the Post Office and the War Memorial.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.21 p.m.