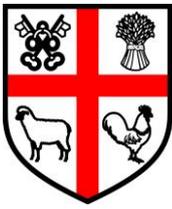


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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held at the Village Hall, 25 Stoneham Street, Coggeshall on Monday 21st May 2018 at 7.30 pm

Agenda /Minute Number	Agenda Item	Appendix Number
AA18/1.	<p>Introduction of Councillors The Councillors introduced themselves and their work on the Parish Council</p>	
AA18/2.	<p>Those present and apologies for absence Present: Cllr Unsworth, Plumb, Heaton, Walsh, Phillips, Frith, Thompson, Culemann and Appleton-Claydon Apologies: Cllrs Keig, Horne & Hagger Also present: Clerk – Debbie Morgan, Alex Stevenson of the Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee and 15 members of public</p>	
AA18/3.	<p>Minutes of previous meetings. The minutes of the Annual Assembly held on Monday 15th May 2017 were approved as a true record Resolved: Proposer, Cllr Plumb, seconder Cllr Culemann – unanimous</p>	App 1
AA18/4.	<p>To receive a report from the Chairman on the Council's activities and future plans. Cllr Unsworth read out a statement from MP Pritti Patel. Cllr Unsworth commented on the following: Achievements in the year had included the facilitation of a First Responder with David Hewitt. Coggeshall had won two awards in 2017 – First in class for Village of the year and also first in Class for Anglia in Bloom The gravel area car park by the Doctor's surgery had been resurfaced. Despite support from the Parish Council, the initiative by County Broadband to provide fibre broadband to the home had not received enough support from residents. An uptake of 30% was required. BT will now be providing "Superfast" to some areas of Coggeshall Over £6,000 in grants was donated by Coggeshall Parish Council to local organisations The Parish Council continues to project council assists by registering council land The annual audit was recently completed with no non-conformances The Parish Council still continue to resist the incinerator and registered an objection to the application for an increased stack height The emergency plan was updated Over £2000 was spent by the Parish Council dealing with vandalism The Parish Council have also been active in the public consultation for the A12 widening and the new route of the A120.</p>	



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The Dutch Nursery development should provide Coggeshall with an amount of money that is to be spent on open spaces projects.

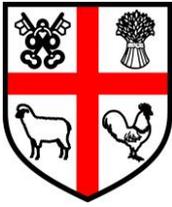
Cllr Plumb – Planning report
Successfully sort off the speculative development by Pigeon in West Street
Liaised with Braintree District Council over the new development at the Dutch Nursery which has just received outline permission for 42 dwellings
The Planning Committee also lodged an objection to the Bovis proposal in Colchester Road which is awaiting a decision.
Sites allocated in the draft local plan include The Dutch Nursery, Tey Road and Cooks field.

Cllr Plumb – Finance Report
The Parish Council now have nine months of precept in reserve
Savings have been made in a number of areas

Cllr Plumb – Traffic Management Report
Plans are still in hand to introduce parking charges to the Stoneham Street car park. The Council are waiting on BDC legal department to sort out the agreements.
The Parish Council have also applied to Braintree Local Highways Panel for a dropped kerb to be installed either side of the road at the Co-op in East Street. This will assist access for mobility scooters and prevent parking

Cllr Heaton – Village Hall
The village hall still continues to make a loss, but this is a lot smaller than previous years
Grants have been received from both ECC CiF and also the National Lottery which will assist in the replacement of the village hall doors which are not compliant with disabled regulations.
The main hall was redecorated in the summer of 2017 with the floor being sanded and sealed.

Cllr Phillips – Open Spaces
The Parish Council had tried to purchase some additional land for recreation use but as yet the vendor had not accepted the Council's offer.
The nature reserve at Dampier Road has been renamed the "Owen Martin Nature Reserve". Major clearance of the site has taken place along with the planting of fruit trees. Future plans include a new path and bird boxes.
The shelter in the recreation ground has been totally refurbished
A number of initiatives have been implemented at the Hop Field at the Hamlet including the planting of Christmas Trees, bee hives and the planting of Willow Trees.
The Little Park Project is due to start on Monday 4th June where an investment of £12,000 has been made to improve and add to the current equipment. A grant of nearly £2,000 was received from the District Councillors to assist this project.



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	<p>The Parish Council continue to work with the Big Park Project working party to improve the play equipment in the East Street Recreation Ground</p> <p>The Old Chapel in the cemetery needs a huge investment for its restoration. Cllr Heaton is working with group who are looking at producing a "Coggeshall Tapestry" which when complete would be housed in the Old Chapel and it is hoped that this initiative will attract grants and funding.</p> <p>Cllr Frith – Personnel</p> <p>A number of changes had taken place over the last year. Ian Jordan had been appointed as Part Time Works Operative and David Griffiths was appointed as Full-Time Works Operative. Clare Freeman has recently left her role as RFO. The Parish Council extended their thanks to Clare for her hard work over the last four years and wish her well in her future venture. A new RFO has been appointed and starts on 14th June.</p> <p>The Parish Council also gave thanks to the Clerk for her support and hard work over the last year.</p> <p>Alex Stevenson – Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Ms Stevenson advised that the Neighbourhood Plan Sub Committee continue to work towards the production of the Coggeshall Plan. It is hoped that the plan should be ready for independent examination in December with the public referendum being held in March.</p>	
AA18/5.	<p>To receive a report from the District Councillor</p> <p>Apologies were received from the District Councillors, Lady Newton and Lynette Bowers-Flint. Cllr Unsworth read out a short report from the County Councillor, Cllr Robert Mitchell which covered the A12 and the A120 consultations.</p>	
AA18/6.	<p>Presentation by local organisations</p> <p>None present</p>	
AA18/7.	<p>Public forum.</p> <p>Mrs Sue Wilson asked to remind the Parish Council and residents of the Coggeshall Nursing Trust for the Elderly which had funds available to assist with providing equipment and support for Coggeshall residents.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm