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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
5th APRIL 2023 AT 7:00PM IN THE MAIN HALL,
KELSALE VILLAGE HALL.**

Present: Cllr Alan Revell (Chairman)

Cllr Alan Revell (Chairman) welcomed members of the public and representatives and formally opened the meeting.

Public Forum

1. To receive Apologies for Absence.

County Councillor Richard Smith, District Councillor Stephen Burroughes, Kelsale village Hall Chair Mary Clarke, Michael Marson, Cheryl Payne and Clive Strutt.

The Chairman thanked Eddie Bathgate from Suffolk Swifts for attending to give a presentation this evening.

There is now a considerable groundswell of activity directed at reversing the decline of Swifts. Many local groups are engaged in putting up nest boxes and the building industry is slowly rising to the challenge of playing their part. The talk included some background information on Swifts together with case studies of many successful interventions. The talk given by Eddie Bathgate from the Suffolk Bird Group assisted by Charles Cuthbert and Janet Barnes from the KcC Biodiversity Group who added local information about the Swifts nesting here in Kelsale and the occupancy of the Swift nest boxes such as those on the Village Hall.

Cllr Revell thanked Eddie Bathgate and members of the Biodiversity Group for the presentation.

7.50pm meeting closed for refreshments.

8.10pm meeting opened.

Report from the Biodiversity group.

Keith Dickerson commented that the Biodiversity group now had 8-9 members and had over the past year surveyed 45 sites.

Mr Bowdrey reported that a survey of Carlton Meres showed many Orchids. Some of the larger and older trees have been surveyed within the village to estimate the age. There are some large Sweet Chestnut Trees also Holm Oaks. There is a 500-year-old Oak tree in Tiggins Lane. There are a number of Brown Hares and the Red Kites have been spotted. There are very few Turtle Doves and Nightingales. There are many moths, and a new pond is attracting Newts.

Cllr Revell thanked the Biodiversity Group.

4. Chairman's Report

A verbal report was given by Cllr Alan Revell. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes).

5. Responsible Finance Officer's Report

A verbal report was given by the Clerk.
(Full copy of the report attached to the minutes)

6. Reports from Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council Representatives

Suffolk County Council

County Councillor Richard Smith sent his apologies due to this occurring during the purdah period.

Suffolk Coastal District Council

District Councillor Stephen Burroughes sent his apologies due to this occurring during the purdah period.

7. Reports from Village Organisations

Kelsale Primary School

No report received by the Clerk from Kelsale Primary School.

Village Hall Management Committee

A written report was submitted, due to apologies of the Village Hall Chair the report was read by Cllr Ransome. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes).

Kelsale PCC

A written report was submitted, Cheryl Payne submitted apologies, the report was read by the Clerk. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes).

Kelsale Methodist Chapel

No report had been received by the Clerk from Kelsale Methodist Chapel

IP17 GNS

No report has been received by the Clerk from IP17 GNS

Kelsale Social Club

A written report was submitted by Jack Walton and read by Cllr Revell. (Full copy of the report is attached to the minutes).

Kelsale Welfare Trust

No report had been received by the Clerk from the Welfare Trust.

8. Any other matters arising

Cllr Ewart reported that there was to be a litter pick taking place on the 8th May as part of the Coronation Big Help Out. This is from 10.00 – 15.00, come along and assist if possible.

There being no further questions or discussion the Chairman thanked the representatives and members of the public for their attendance/reports and formally closed the meeting at 8.46pm.

Signed:.....

Dated:.....

Alan Revell – Chairman

Responsible Financial Officer Report 2023

- The balance carried forward as at the 31st March 2023 was £94,590.54. This includes earmarked funds of £77,249.86.
- It was agreed that the Parish precept should be raised in line with inflation for the financial year of 2023/24 to manage ongoing increasing costs; as a result, a request was made of £22,821.00. This is an increase of £497 from the last request, this is shown as a 0% increase for the homeowners.
- As part of the statutory audit requirement the accounts of 2021/22 were submitted to SALC for the annual internal audit. The internal auditor's report was received ahead of the submission to the External Auditor (PKF Littlejohn), any recommendations have been noted and actioned. All the copies of the reports can be found on the website. The 2022/23 accounts will be submitted to SALC shortly.
- The Parish Council received CIL money totaling £41,006.49. This money has been added to the £20,447.86 making a total of £61,454.35, which has already been earmarked for certain items which includes the improvements to be undertaken at the Village Hall to make the building more disabled accessible. These items have been chosen by residents of the village using a questionnaire which was circulated to all the households.
- The Parish Council has had some expenditure since the last Annual Parish Meeting, which includes the removal of the overgrown trees in the car park, and ditch clearing on the recreation ground. In addition to this there is the everyday expenses such as grass cutting, play equipment maintenance, car park maintenance, Community News newsletter. The Parish Council has been able to obtain £950 in advertising revenue towards the cost of the newsletter, and more interest in advertising is continuing.
- The Parish Council received funding and donations towards the Jubilee Celebrations and the Christmas Tree.

Reports

There are no reports from Suffolk County Council or East Suffolk Council due to this meeting being held within the purdah period ahead of the elections. There are also no reports from the Towns Land Charity or Kelsale Welfare Trust.

Kelsale Village Hall

Registered Charity No. 267376

Bridge Street

Kelsale

IP17 2PB

KELSALE VILLAGE HALL REPORT TO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 5 APRIL 2023

1. We are pleased to present this report to the April 2023 Annual Parish Meeting. Overall this has been a successful year for the Village Hall, and it really feels that the problems of covid are well behind us.
2. We are very grateful to Cllr Stephen Burroughes who secured funding for painting the exterior of the hall and this is just being completed today. There was a break in the work due to the arrival of the swifts. We have moved forward our planning applications for various essential improvements including for a fire escape from the Committee Room now installed and, we hope, in due course, a lift and disabled access to the first floor. Our cash balances are currently more than £40,000. We successfully persuaded Zurich insurers to pay out for Bouton's theft from our funds and this was a much-needed injection to our bank account.
3. Events held over the year ranged from the Quiz and Flower and Produce Show to the repeated fabulous Dress Up Saturday organized by Julia Ewart and our weekly coffee mornings. Kayleigh Stubbs has maintained the coffee mornings as a lively regular event in the village, appreciated by many as a source of social contact. The coffee mornings also have a good financial purpose – Kayleigh has raised more than £500.
4. We ran an art exhibition, and this year are taking part in Suffolk Open Studios. We are also involved in the Coronation Celebrations.
5. There are many people to thank for their support, particularly Cllr Stephen Burroughes, and the members of the Parish Council. We are also grateful for the support we have received from the Clerk to the Parish Council who has given invaluable practical advice about organising and insuring events. All the members of the Committee have worked hard for the success of the hall – Kayleigh Stubbs, Peter Ewart and Simon Ransome deserve special mention for their work on events, our accounts and on the building and planning matters as well as David Granville-George for continuing to organise the 100 Club so successfully. We are also delighted that Caroline Harker has agreed to become a trustee of the hall this year. Ian Galloway has also supported us and offered really useful advice on a number of issues. Thanks to the whole Committee. We also are very grateful to Kelsale Social Club for its work with us and essential contribution to our events.
6. Above all we thank the residents who have stood by us and supported our fundraising. None of this would be possible without them.

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Annual report from St Mary and St Peter's, Kelsale

Details of all our services and events can be found on the church website skc.church.

Fabric:

Essential repairs were carried out during the year by Welton's but long-term we need to replace the roof, which will require dedicated fund-raising efforts.

Lighting in church has been upgraded and all bulbs replaced with energy-saving LED bulbs. Two new spotlights were also installed to highlight the chancel area. This work was funded by a generous donation.

Fund-raising:

We are still hoping to install a toilet and kitchen/storage area in church so that we can open up to more village activities, but the planning process is long and arduous. With a view to fund raising, we set up the Friends of St. Mary and St. Peter's, with an inaugural meeting in the spring of 2022. We hope to be able to add more members and plan more events as time progresses.

Thanks:

We would like to thank all members of the village community who help with cleaning, flowers, clock-winding and gardening. Your help is very much appreciated.

Cheryl Payne
Churchwarden

Kelsale Social Club & Bar

Bridge Street, Kelsale-cum-Carlton,
Saxmundham, IP17 2PB

Chairman:- Mr Alan Revell

Secretary:- Mr Jack Walton

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Date:- Wednesday 8th March 2023

To:- Marie Backhouse, Parish Council Clerk

What a year we have had at The Club. Reflecting on the last 12 months has made us aware of just how hard our committee, officers and staff have worked to ensure The Club is a warm, welcoming and enjoyable place to be for our members and their guests.

Throughout last year we saw a selection of different events at The Club; quiz nights, karaoke, regular live music, gin nights and a few of Robbie's Grand Draws! The Christmas period was as busy as ever for our club with the last Sunday before the big day itself packed with all sorts of Christmas fun- such as Christmas Karaoke, traditional carol service and our Grand Christmas Draw. We were open for a few hours on Christmas day, which was a wonderful warm atmosphere with festive cheer. Boxing Day we held our 'Games Day' which proved to be incredibly popular with our members, their guests and families... something to consider this year and beyond.

The Autumn months saw an eclectic variety of new bands previously unseen at The Club which was great to see for our members. Of course, not forgetting to mention the incredibly sad loss we all endured with Her Majesty the Queen's death in early September.

A very busy Summer was had by all in our local community, especially those who joined in the fun for the celebrations of the Platinum Jubilee. What a proud moment it was to be British, witnessing a Sovereign achieving 70 years on the throne! It was fantastic to see our community come together for the fabulous street party which was organised beautifully. The Club itself did incredibly well

that weekend with lots of events that happened, live music, royal family quiz and the street party. People were queuing from all 3 doors out of the club- a very busy day had by all. Thank you to our bar staff and committee members!

We're very fortunate as a club to have two darts teams, both ladies and gents, who play in the darts league. Both teams are going from strength to strength. Our lady's darts team continues to play well, only recently have we seen two new players for the team, which is fantastic news! The lady's team have struggled to recruit in the past but we have found success with two members who have shown a great interest. Our gent's darts team are as jovial as they have ever been! A fantastic team which are supportive of each other as well as other local teams.

Since January of this year, we have seen our members count grow at a rapid rate with both new members and members who have re-joined. For just £10.00 a year, you certainly do get great value for money- members bar prices, able to attend events and to just join in with our fantastic village hub! So why not join?

While most of the time we consider the positives, we can't lose sight of the things that affect us as a club. With prices increasing of supplies and other necessities, we have recently had to take the unfortunate task of increasing our prices behind the bar, which still leaves us as the cheapest establishment for miles.

This year, we see another historical event regarding our monarchy, the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla, something we're incredibly excited about as there are events coming up for this wonderful occasion.

After a slight reshuffle at our recent AGM in January, we welcome Sarah and Mark on to the committee. We also welcome back Maureen, who is a former Treasurer of The Club. Bertie Buttle stepped down as Secretary and has been preceded by Jack Walton. Bertie, alongside Nick Denny, have both taken on the role of Assistant Secretary, in support of Jack in his new position. Alan Revell still stands as Chairman, Rob Holden as Treasurer and Robbie Finch as Assistant Treasurer.

With more exciting times ahead for The Club, we encourage as many new members as possible. We have, in the pipeline, many different and new events such as a tropical party night with a disco, a Halloween party, quiz nights and lots of live music events- it's imperative to keep updated on our Facebook & Instagram pages. Anyone is welcome to pop into The Club to ask staff for more details, whether that is to join and become a member, enquire about events or to simply turn up and enjoy our fantastic village hub and see it for yourself. You can also email us at the club to ask about upcoming events at kelsaleclubevents@gmail.com.

On behalf of myself and Alan, I thank the committee, staff and officers who have worked tirelessly over the last year to ensure the club runs as smoothly as possible.

Jack Walton

Secretary & Committee Member

Kelsale Club & Bar