

Minutes of the Cottenham Annual Parish Meeting

Held in the Village Hall, Lambs Lane, Cottenham on Thursday 2nd May 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Morris (Chair), Collinson, McCarthy, Ward, Wilson, Wotherspoon, Young, the Clerk, RFO and SCDC Cllrs Gough and Wilson and 17 members of the public

Chairman's Introduction and Apologies for absence

Apologies accepted from Cllrs Bolitho, Graves, Kidston and Smith.

Minutes

The Minutes of the APM held on 10th May 2018 were confirmed as a true record of events and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Parish Council Report

Cllr Morris presented report for 2018/19 covering key points. This is our 124th APM.

South Cambridgeshire District Council Report

This is the first full year in post for both District Councillors Gough and Wilson and they have worked hard at improving communication. They have attended every Parish Council meeting and provided monthly reports as well as holding surgeries in the Community Centre. The Developer Liaison Committee is working well. Major issues with fly tipping on the Fen, where they are working with farmers and residents in the vicinity. SCDC Cllr Wilson ran through the GCP Greenways project, including looking at cycleways between Cottenham and Oakington. Discussion regarding the Rural Travel Hub at Oakington, which has received a mixed reaction at consultation.

County Council Report

County Cllr Wotherspoon ran through his report. He was proud that Cottenham was taking a proactive approach to tackling its own housing needs. The new developments will bring pressures to the village but also help the local economy. Discussion about Northstowe and why it wasn't 'greener'. The A14 construction was on track to complete on time and the A10 Cambridge to Ely route was in the final phase towards dualing. Discussion regarding wider travel projects and the need for better transport systems for Cottenham.

Guest speaker – Andrea Cowley

Andrea works for the Connections Bus Project and is responsible for running courses i.e. Generation Game and babysitting. Ran through the course content. A lot of children from the original Generation Game are now working as volunteers. CVC seems to have become more remote from the village and the links need rebuilding. Discussion regarding wider ideas for youth activities i.e. skills swap. Biggest hurdle is getting CVC on side and people to help. Suggestion of putting something in the next village newsletter. Need to get a working party together; contact the Clerk in the first instance. SCDC Cllr Gough mentioned event at the Fen Edge Festival on the Friday after; Andrea already investigating.

Close of Meeting

Cllr Morris thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 8.57pm.

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____