

BRADFIELD ST CLARE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD ON 14th May 2019

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 14th May 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

1. Welcome by John Kirk.
2. Apologies for absence – none.
3. Approve the Minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting: Margaret Newlands proposed and Glyn Thomas seconded that the Minutes were a true and accurate account of the meetings. Minutes approved.
4. Matters Arising – matters arising had been reported at Parish Council meetings throughout the year.
5. County Cllrs Report: Attached to these Minutes, and available on parish website at bradfieldstclare.onesuffolk.net
6. Borough Cllr Sara Mildmay-White's Report : Attached to these Minutes, and available on the parish website at bradfieldstclare.onesuffolk.net
7. Clerk's Report:
Clerk reported that the Precept for 2019/20 had been received by the Parish Council. An additional PC Meeting will be organised for June 2019 in order that the Annual Governance and Audit for 2018/2019 could be approved by the Parish Council.
8. Reports from local organisations and clubs:

St Clare Churchwarden Report 2019

Following the Quinquennial Inspection in April 2018 the PCC is pleased to report no major problems have been identified.

The fabric is in a good state of repair and any work identified is on a very small scale. It is suggested cracks that have appeared or reappeared needed to be reviewed in Autumn 2018. In conclusion it was clearly stated, 'The PCC has achieved a great deal and is to be congratulated'. In addition, 'The church is clean and well looked after'. Most of the recommendations have been attended and for this the PCC remains grateful to George Collins & Son for carrying out the work at no cost to the church. The churchyard is also very well maintained by a family in the Parish and is supported in part by a grant from the Parish Council. The PCC plan to plant more boundary hedging and review the broken southern fencing. The latter was highlighted in the recent inspection.

St Clare continues to thrive with regular twice-monthly services. Congregation numbers vary depending on the time and type of service, however celebrations are always well supported – our Carol Service with 75 in attendance was a joyous way to begin Christmas 2018.

We have had a slight fall in Electoral Roll numbers due mainly to people moving elsewhere. Similarly, PCC membership has reduced. Sadly, one very active member and organiser of our

eco Bronze Award has moved out of the village. This decline in membership is a cause for concern. The officers for Treasurer and Secretary remain the same and Margaret Newlands continues as Churchwarden.

Members of the Parish care deeply about their Parish Church and support all fundraising events. This year they included an Open Garden at Bishops Farm, an Autumn Quiz and the Annual Harvest Supper.

We are a very fortunate church and value the support we receive from all who live in the village and the large group who regularly attend from other parishes in Cockfield Benefice.

Margaret Newlands - Churchwarden

Village Hall

We have enjoyed a quiet, but productive year. I feel that the Village Hall is now being used more than ever before.

We have the Kit Café, which not run by us, makes the Village Hall a great meeting place for all. We have a thriving Book Club and WI plus many other bookings.

The Hall has just been completely redecorated. We must thank Borough Cllr Mrs Sara Mildmay-White for giving us a grant of £200 which was a great help, also the promise of more from Karen Soons, which we look forward to.

My Committee are the best hardworking group of people, without whom nothing would be possible.

Margaret Lovick – Chair, Village Hall Committee

Book Club

The club continues to do well and meets regularly. Val Nunn now organises this event so if any persons are interested then please contact her.

Neighbourhood Watch

Information is placed in the Grapevine and on the village website at bradfield

Charity for the Relief in Sickness

Following on from last years report, the Charity's financial year end is not until 31st July 2019. Nothing to report presently.

9. Date of 2019 Annual Parish Meeting to be agreed later in the year.

Meeting closed: 7.30pm