

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Brundish Parish Council, held on 10th May 2012 in Brundish Parish Rooms.

Members present	Arnold Crudginton; Tony St. Quinton; Anthony Bryant; Celia Drakard; Gerald Western; Mark Hitchings
Other persons	Sandra Apps (Clerk); PCSO Steve Long; Matthew Hicks (MSDC)
Apologies	Helen Gillingham
Minutes	Minutes of the meeting held 10 th May 2011 were read and agreed and signed.
Matters arising	No matters arising
Annual report of Brundish Parish Council	Everything has run smoothly this year – the Green has been well looked after; the Jubilee tree has been planted; a commemorative sign will be put up and it will be fenced off for protection. Tim Gillingham was thanked for his efforts in keeping the grass cut on a purely voluntary basis. The Chairman thanked everyone for their support this year.
Finance – presentation of accounts	The summary of accounts was presented. They were accepted and signed
Report on Educational Trust	GW reported that the last set of accounts for the trust showed that there was a reserve of £1600 in the current account; the capital fund has £12,832. A lot of applications this year; charitable status had been removed, but there is an ongoing campaign to have charitable status reinstated, being helped by M. Hicks
Report on Neighbourhood Watch	Steve Long PCSO reported 3 crimes for the year, all low level. The team has seen a 6% reduction in crime this year. Crimes locally were assaults. Eye police station is relocating to Castleton Way. Now a police officer with sole responsibility for Eye town centre. Community speedwatch will be supported. A police commissioner will be elected by the public next year. The role is to be the voice of the people and hold the police to account. Operation Breakout has targeted rural crime and is a joint effort with Norfolk. PCSO Long then left the meeting.
Report on Parish Rooms	The report by Jane Lee, Chairman of the Trustees Committee, was read in her absence. A grant from the Big Lottery Fund will provide new audio visual equipment; further grants are being sought to upgrade and refurbish the kitchen. The hall has some regular users and the Committee are actively seeking to broaden this base of users, also to provide more community opportunities at the hall themselves. The accounts remain sound, with sufficient income for ongoing maintenance. CD proposed that Jane Lee should be thanked for all her hard work.
Report on Village Green	See Chair's report – plus some small amount of damage by dogs; some timber rotting. Path needs spraying again when dryer weather – ASQ will see to it. Will Bond is still looking after the pond on a voluntary basis. Concern was raised that we have never managed to raise the money to finish the war memorial – need about £1,000. ASQ would like to try to get it done by 2014, the centenary of the outbreak of WW1.
Report from District Councillor/County Councillor	SCC report had previously been emailed to Councillors – reported on 0% increase in council tax this year; savings of £26 million to be achieved through reductions in management and office costs, reductions in bureaucracy and new ways of working; initiatives for preparing young people for work; progress towards implementation of high speed

	<p>broadband; libraries and the Diamond Jubilee. Mr Alcock also mentioned that he will retire at the next County Council elections. Was thanked for his input which has been very welcome.</p> <p>Matthew Hicks spoke on the ongoing collaboration between Mid Suffolk and Babergh. Mr Hicks was thanked for his support and input in the past year.</p>
Any other business	None

Meeting closed 8.15 pm
To Parish Council AGM