

# BLYFORD AND SOTHERTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018

Refreshments were provided [ Strawberries and caviar!]

This was held in All Saints Church, Blyford at 7pm, and the chair was taken by Gerard Walker.

All parish councillors attended – Gerard Walker, Miles Jackson, Gaina Dunsire, Sally Macdonald, Rosemary Parry, Barry Martin and John Beckett. There were several members of the public present. The parish clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance. Also present Tony Goldson [Suffolk County councillor] and Alison Cackett, [Waveney District councillor].

Various matters of local concern were raised, but the main problems are speeding on the B1123 and the A145, particularly during the Latitude Festival. It was felt that extending the 30mph limit from the Queens Head to the council houses would be helpful, but there are considerable legal implications with that. Also if the verges could be strimmed more frequently it would improve visibility. [Clerk to contact Mark Hadingham (Bulhams) to enquire if he could do this.]

A Community Speed Watch scheme was discussed and it was noted that the VAS sign batteries had run out.

It was noted that the dog waste bin at Sotherton Corner was not being emptied – clerk to contact Waveney Norse..

Tony Goldson asked for copies of the VAS results to establish the level of speed ing – clerk to send to him - these matters would be raised at the next Halesworth Parishes meeting. The hedges in Primes Lane were encroaching on the highway and causing problems - the land owner to be contacted.

Alison Cackett asked for support for All Saints and Gaina Dunsire and Sally Macdonald would consider possible fund raising plans.

There was a need for a new notice board at Sotherton Corner – clerk to contact Billy Ellis at Holton Airfield for 3 doors and 2 posts with softer pinboard.

The parish council chairman gave a report on the year's work, thanked retiring clerk, Alison Cackett and welcomed new clerk , Caroline Cardwell.

The minutes of the 2017 were taken as read and approved.

There were reports from AC and TG on current issues in WDC and SCC.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm and was followed by the Annual Meeting of the parish council.