

Minutes of the Annual Open Meeting of Sutcombe Parish Council, held at Sutcombe Parish Memorial Hall, on Monday 8th April commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors S Horn (Chairman) C Quance (Vice Chair), C. Furse, B Galbraith-Marten, John Shepherd M. Wonnacott, J. Daniels, also present were L Buttery (Clerk), and 8 residents of Sutcombe.

Apologies were received from: County Councillor Barry Parsons

The Chairman, Councillor Stephen Horn, welcomed everyone and asked Lorraine to start her presentation. Lorraine explained the purpose and importance of her presentation, 'Save a Life' A.E.D, this was a short power point presentation which is supplied by the Royal Life Saving Society, Lorraine being a Senior Tutor with this Organisation. The power point slides showed the correct use of a defibrillator and the various types, and basic life Support. This was followed by a demonstration of C.P.R (chest compressions) along with a training AED, then questions and answers from those present.

The order of proceedings was slightly different to the Agenda with local clubs and organisations invited to give their reports for activities during 2018, condensed reports follow:

1. Sutcombe Community Playing Field, report given by Claire Furse
Last year started with preparations to get the playing field ready for the opening on the 7th April, it involved Trimming hedges and tidying up the playing field in the snow from the 'Beast from the East', grateful thanks Go to the Committee members for really pulling together and achieving the final result.
The opening day went very smoothly, with great village attendance, the Playing Field was officially opened By Jane Whitaker from Torridge District Council.
Later in the year we added a memorial bench for Chloe Martin, we also installed goal posts.
We have held various fund-raising events, recently the ever-popular Bingo, with our thanks going to Kelly for Her time and effort arranging the evening and gathering the prizes.
I am pleased to report that the future of the playing field is more secure today than previously, with the committee members and Sutcombe Parish Council working with Devon County Council to finalise the plans for the playing field to be purchased for a nominal fee and the ownership being transferred to the Parish Council.
2. Alms -house Trust: Report given by Emma Horn
The Alms-houses in Sutcombe were formed in 1648 when Sir William Morice left Morice Terrace, Millbrook Farm and just under 50 acres of farmland to the people of Sutcombe, the farmland is rented out. Morice Terrace was rebuilt in 1986 to form three cottages and a further bungalow was purchased in 2012. There are 9 trustees who work together and have quarterly meetings to carry on Sir William Morice's wishes. This year Chis Quance stepped down as a trustee in October 2018 after his current term of office, we would like to thank him for all of his contribution to the Trust over so many years. In the last financial year our main capitol expense has been erecting a new fence in Square Park. The Trust also has Millennium Woods, which was replanted in 2000, we now have Guy Manning employed to maintain the tree area. Two Trustees attended the Tiverton County meeting in November which was a great opportunity to meet others who run similar or much bigger Trusts. The Trust hopes to continue to run successfully in the years ahead.
3. Badminton – report given by Emma Horn
The Badminton club meets most Monday evenings in the village hall, with 4-9 players attending each week We play mixed doubles and take in turns playing, as such many an interesting topic is discussed.
We have had some really good fun and competitive Games.
Our season draws to a close at the end of the Month, but starts again on the 9th September.
We would love to see more people in September to continue the growth of the club.
4. St Andrews Church– given by Scilla Edwards
St Andrews Church is the focal point for the whole village. We have a service on most Sundays, including a Family Service (3rd Sunday of the month), Morning Prayer (1st Sunday) and Communion. The Church is Grade 2 Listed, we maintain it for the benefit of the whole community and we are grateful for the support we receive. After a slightly less busy 2018 we are now looking this year to raise funds for repairs to one of the windows and We are also looking to replace the organ in the not too distant future. So far this year we have held the Big Breakfast (jointly with the Hall committee): a pancake coffee morning and had a lovely Mothering Sunday service with posies Made by the Children. Planned events and services are advertised on the notice boards and on the Website.

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5. Memorial Hall –given by Alistair Cawsey
 We as a committee have had a successful year organising many events, including the 'Big Breakfast' in conjunction with the Church, this event was, as usual very well attended.
 The 25th Anniversary Silver Ball was a great success of the hall, there will be various events held through the year, look out for advertisements on notice boards and on the hall notice board itself.
 We are always looking for new people to join the committee so please speak to any committee member for more information.

6. Short Mat Bowls – Report given by Christine Cawsey
 The league matches have now finished much to our relief, it has been a problem this season trying to raise teams, Due mostly to health and work problems. Last season we won division 4 in the afternoon league, but our promotion to division 3 was short lived as we will be demoted this year. The evening league has been more successful and we will remain in division 3. This present time we are playing Club competitions, with the finals, A.G.M, and Annual dinner with the presentation of trophies later this month.
 The new season will commence in September, like a lot of clubs we are short of members and new players are always welcome. I would like to thank all our members for helping me during the season.

7. Bell Ringing – report given by John Daniels.
 We are now practising on Thursday evenings with between 4 and 9 ringers present. We are, like all groups are in need of for new recruits. The Bell-ringers Guild Day was held on the 5th May, teams came to ring our bells throughout the day.

8. Parish Council Report: Chairman Councillor Stephen Horn
 Stephen commenced his report by thanking the Clerk for her continued support and hard work.
 He reported that the Community Playing Field had been partially fenced, it is hoped that the rest of the boundary fence will be completed later in the year. Devon County Council has agreed to remove the old classroom and wooden structures, this would cost in the region of £20,000, the Parish Council has been asked to contribute £5000. There has been a lot of hard work in the background by committee members and Parish Councillors alike to get this excellent facility off the ground, which is for the benefit of the whole community.
 The main issue of contention in the village at present is that some residents are against the new planning application for houses next to the Memorial hall, but not all residents are against the plans, the Parish Council agreed to the 'outline plans' as the Parish needs to grow and prosper

9. There were no reports from the Skittles Group or Sutcombe Singers.

The Chairman Councillor Stephen Horn thanked the representatives of the various clubs and organisations for their achievements and wealth of activities generated for the local community, and invited all to stay for refreshments, and if they would be more than welcome to attend the Parish Council meeting if they so wished.

The meeting officially closed at 8.35 when Tea, coffee and biscuits were served, kindly provided by Councillor Claire Furse

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