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#### BINTREE PARISH

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Bintree Parish held on Thursday May 23rd at 8.00 p.m. in St. Swithun, Bintree.

Present: - Mr Chris Bone, Mr John Hoskins,, Mrs Rosie Tooke, Mr Geoff Frost, Mrs Gwenyth Holmes and Mrs Griselda Hubbard (Clerk to the Parish Council).

**1. Welcome by the Chairman and to receive apologies for absence**

Mrs Tooke welcomed those present. Apologies were received from Mr Christopher Langford and Dist. Cllr Gordon Banbridge.

**2. To receive a report from the County Councillor of N.C.C.**

County Councillor Bill Borrett was not present but the Clerk had been sent a report from him which was very detailed, and will be put on the website and attached to the minutes.

**3. To receive a report from the District Councillor of Breckland District Council**

Dist. Cllr Bambridge as not present, but he had sent a detailed report and it will be circulated, put on the website and attached to the minutes.

**4. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council**

Mrs Tooke read out her report. The main points of the report were as follows:-

The Parish Council has a new Clerk, Mrs Hubbard. The website has been revamped. The Bintree in Need Charity has 2 more trustees, Mrs Holmes and Mr Moth. The idea of a footpath through the trees towards Stone Lane had been discussed, but cost made it impossible. The village has ongoing problems with drainage, pot holes and damage to the road surface due to flooding, but there is constant contact with Norfolk County Council about this. Ground maintenance has been challenging this year and tenders put out. Mrs Tooke thanked Lynn Hollins and Jean Bayley for planting daffodils along the graveyard boundary. In November Breckland Council decided that they would not give the go ahead for the New Town proposals as the site would be inappropriate. The village has a defibrillator and thanks to Maura and Adrian Cottey for volunteering to paint the phone box. Donations were sent to Magpas Air Ambulance, Pricilla Bacon Lodge and Dereham Cancer Care. Dist. Cllr Gordon Bambridge was thanked for attending meetings and always being ready with support and guidance.

**5. To receive any other available reports**

Mrs Holmes reported that the Church was pleased to offer the service of the warm room during the cold months and would be happy to do so again. The Church was given a donation of £25.00 for each hire.

Mr Frost spoke about the Bintree and Twyford Village Hall and Playing Field Association. He said it is down to 3 representatives now on the Committee. The current state of play is that there is no Treasurer and the Association is battling with the Bank to try to get access to the bank account. There is a desperate need for more people to join the Association. There

was £15,000 in the bank account but money has been paid out recently, such as £1,500 for insurance and some money was used for fencing. The zip wire needs some attention, so there will be about £13,000 left after these deductions. Mrs Hubbard will send him details of the company that carries out the play equipment inspection in Billingford.

**6. To discuss any future village plans**

Training for the defibrillator needs to take place in the future. The play equipment needs to have an inspection annually so Mrs Hubbard will send Mr Frost the details of Playsafety Ltd, who carry out these inspections, as mentioned under no. 5

Mrs Tooke may arrange a Coffee Morning in the future. She was thanked for organizing the coffee mornings that had happened in the past. Some people felt they were a very good way of bringing some residents together and having some social time.

**7. To discuss the Clerk's Financial Update**

There were no questions regarding the finances of Bintree Parish Council,

**8. To discuss any other business from those present**

There was no further business to discuss.

**9. To confirm date and time of next Annual meeting in 2025**

The next Bintree Parish Annual Meeting was set for 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 at 8.00 p.m. in St. Switthun Church, Bintree. With no further business to discuss, Mrs Tooke declared the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m. and thanked those present for their attendance.

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Chairman

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