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 BINTREE PARISH

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Bintree Parish held on Wednesday May 28th at 7.00 p.m. in St. Swithun’s Church, Bintree.

Present: - Mr Chris Bone, Mr John Hoskins, Mrs Gwenyth Holmes, Mrs Jean Bayley and Mrs Griselda Hubbard (Clerk to the Parish Council).

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

Mr Hoskins welcomed those present. Apologies were received from Mr Tom Stephens and Dist. Cllr Gordon Banbridge.

**2. To adopt the minutes of the Annual meeting held on May 23rd 2024.**

The minutes had been circulated. Mr Hoskins proposed they be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Mrs Holmes and carried, so they were signed by Mr Hoskins.

**3. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes (not om the agenda).**

There were no matters arising.

**4. To receive a report from Cllr Bill Borrett, 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, had been circulated and will be put on the website and attached to the minutes.

**5. To receive a report from Cllr Gordon Bambridge, the District Councillor of Breckland District Council.**

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

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

Mr Hoskins read out his report. The main points of the report were as follows:-

The highlight of the year was the exceptionally well attended carol service in St. Swithun’s Church. Many thanks to Mary Van Beuningen and everyone else who put in so much effort.

We have suffered the sad loss of Chris Langford, who served as a Parish Councillor for many decades and was a Chairman. He was instrumental in the creating of the village playing field. The previous Chairman, Mrs Rosie Tooke, also worked hard for Bintree and has moved out of the village. We are delighted to welcome Tom Stephens onto the Parish Council and special thanks to Councillor Chris Bone for doing all the jobs he does, such as checking on drains, footpaths, etc. We have found a new grounds maintenance contractor, who is doing a good job looking after the grass-cutting.

There have been minimal planning issues this year but Breckland Council have been forced to have a new ‘Call for Sites’ because of central government pressure for more housing. There are 2 new sites in close proximity, 1 is for 8-10 houses on a 1-hectare plot just off the Holt Road, south of Broom Green and 1 for 8-12 houses on a very large 12.9-hectare plot, east of the Bintree Road, just as it reaches Billingford. The application for 75 houses on the field south of the Manor House in Bintree, which was rejected in the 2022 Call for Sites, has been re-entered. The consultation period will start in June or July.

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

The Clerk had received a report from the Police. It was not a particularly long report and will be put on the website and attached to the minutes.

**8. To discuss any future village plans – to discuss the possibility of grant funding from Awards For All for play equipment.**

It would probably be possible for the Bintree and Twyford Village Hall and Playing Field Association to obtain some funding from Awards For All to purchase some new play equipment. As the Parish Council do not own the play equipment that needs replacing, it would not be able to make the application, Mr Frost would have to do so.

There was some discussion regarding the problems the Bintree Relief In Need Charity and the Bintree and Twyford Village Hall and Playing Field Association are experiencing regarding obtaining their funds from their banks. Mr Bone thought the Parish Council needs to give support if the charities have not managed to make any progress by the next Parish Council meeting.

**9. To discuss the Clerk’s Financial Update.**

The Clerk had circulated the document. There were no questions regarding the finances of Bintree Parish Council,

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

There was no further business to discuss.

**11. To confirm date and time of next Annual meeting in 2026.**

The next Bintree Parish Annual Meeting was set for Thursday 28th May 2026 at 8.00 p.m. in St. Swithun’s Church, Bintree. With no further business to discuss, Mr Hoskins declared the meeting closed at 7.43 p.m. and thanked those present for their attendance.

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Chairman Date