

East Hanningfield Annual Assembly 2018

All electors of the Parish of East Hanningfield are invited to take part in the Annual Assembly which will take place in the Village Hall on 2nd. May, 2018 at 7.30pm. The Meeting will be chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council. If he is not present the Meeting will elect a Chairman from those electors of the parish attending.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence. Received in advance: County Cllr. Ian Grundy, Head Teacher Kerry Collins.
2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 3rd. May, 2017 to be amended if inaccurate and signed as a true record.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting.
4. Presentation of East Hanningfield Parish Council's Annual Report and Accounts for the year 2017-18.
5. Presentation of Hanna's Field Charity, Chairman's Annual Report and the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2017
6. The Chairman will invite those present to speak on matters of local concern.

Minutes of 2017 Annual Assembly

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 3rd. May, 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Cllr. Jim Howe, Chairman of the Parish Council, in the Chair, City Cllrs. Flack and Poulter, County Cllr. Ian Grundy, Preschool Supervisor Serene Brown, Lay Minister Christine Horton and 12 electors of the parish.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Cllrs. Martyn Gard & Paul Garner, Hanna's Field Charity Vice Chairman Jenny Mouser and Hanna's Field Charity Secretary Wendy Thomas.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 4th. May, 2016.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

DITCH BY OLD FORGE: The Local Highways Panel has allocated funding for this project and a path with a bridge should be constructed during the 2017-18 financial year.

SPEED STICKERS: Neighbourhood Watch purchased and distributed stickers for the black bins but that was when bins were emptied weekly. With the change to fortnightly emptying the stickers had less impact.

BROADBAND: Fibre broadband was connected in the village with vastly improved service to most residents, but there were some properties where the distance from the box caused degradation of speed.

PLANNING MATTERS: The Gladman application was refused and they appealed, but subsequently withdrew the appeal. The Back Lane site was going to be developed for 10 open market and 10 affordable homes following conversations with the landowner.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH: In addition to volunteering to trim round the graves, Jim Howe volunteered for path and compost store construction. Representatives from All Saints' thanked the Parish Council for their help mowing and trimming the churchyard.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: This year was their 100th Anniversary, so there were to be celebrations at the Fete etc.

VILLAGE TIDY: The Village Tidy was very well attended last year and this year would be on 6th. May.

PRESENTATION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS 2016-17

Jim Howe presented the Annual Report and Accounts. There were two new Councillors: John Bedding and Paul Austin, both of whom were present. The Council's finances were being carefully managed and were in a sound condition. He thanked those who volunteered in the village and encouraged more people to do so.

PC had purchased 15 replacement posts for the Tye fence and was in the process of receiving quotes for their installation.

PC was considering replacing the village gates some of which were lost or damaged and Jim asked those present for their opinion and the proposal received general approval.

PRESENTATION OF HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY'S ANNUAL REPORT

In the absence of the Vice Chairman, Mike Plumridge read her report. The cladding of the Hall roof had been achieved with £25,000 grant funding and £5,864 from the Charity's fundraising. A new security door in the Hall entrance corridor cost £2,641

but would have been considerably more if J Gard & Sons Ltd hadn't provided the timber.

All 24 fluorescent tubes in the Large Hall (£446) were replaced and 30 years of cobwebs removed, thanks to the free loan of a Scissor Lift by Paramount. A wheelie bin compound was constructed (£2,316) and again J Gard & Sons Ltd provided the timber, but they might need to install a lockable door to stop unwanted rubbish dumping. HFC paid for the supply and installation of a new loft ladder with widened access in the shop to make it easier and safer to use (£846). The annual fete did well, increasing profit over 2015 from £3,797.12 to £4,015.30 despite the wet weather. With no School PTA, it was back to All Saint's Church and HFC to organise the 2017 Fete. A new website was being constructed. HFC was grateful to Dan and Jessica Crow for their day to day bookings and cleaning work.

PRESENTATION OF HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY'S ACCOUNTS 2016

Treasurer Mike Plumridge presented the accounts. Due to grants of £22,148 receipts in 2016 (£57,436.83) were significantly higher than in 2015 (£34,594.08). Shop rental had increased in line with the RPI, but interest was disappointingly low. 2016 expenditure (£59,517.73) was markedly up on 2015 (£30,594.08) due to capital expenditure. The end of year balance was decreased by £2,080.90 to £23,416.90. HFC was already spending in the current year, the broadband connection having been upgraded. Car parking problems were ongoing with new posts installed to protect pedestrians and bollards to protect the verge, and updated quotes being sought for the car park extension. Fundraising events planned were the Fete on 1st July, Art Exhibition 27th-29th. October, both with book sales.

OPEN FORUM

The Chairman invited those present to speak on matters of local concern.

PLANNING MATTERS: City Cllr. Richard Poulter reported that Gladman had won their appeals at Great Leights and Boreham, lost the one at Bicknacre and withdrawn the one at East Hanningfield. The Danbury result was awaited. The development of housing at Morelands would happen eventually, and would result in substantial CIL receipts for the parish.

The New Local Plan to 2036 identified the need for 22,162 homes and that they should be built in three urban growth areas. About 1,000 of these would be at South Woodham Ferrers, and there were traffic implications for East Hanningfield. The A132 was to be upgraded to improve traffic flow at the Rettendon Turnpike and Fen Farm roundabout, and the railway needed improvement and co-ordination of bus and train timetables. Cycle routes would be constructed from the new housing into the town centre.

Residents and Parish Council were encouraged to respond to the consultation which was to end on 11th. May. In particular, those concerned about traffic from S.W.F. coming through EH should ask for the Highways Authority to use all possible measures to discourage S.W.F. residents using EH as a through route. Representations would be considered and incorporated into the Plan which would be out to consultation again in the autumn.

There was a discussion with concern expressed about the unsuitability of Creephedge Lane for the speed and amount of traffic it was currently carrying.

COUNTY MATTERS: County Cllr. Ian Grundy explained that each Local Highways Panel had 4 county members and four borough/city members. Each Panel had an annual budget of £1/2M to spend in their area, and this year's budget was already allocated. Two projects in East Hanningfield were included.

He had attended 5 APMs this year and the common concerns were crime and speed. Neighbourhood Watch and Community Speedwatch had seen a collapse of police support during police reorganisation, but they seemed to be recovering from this.

The new chief executive had been in post for about 6 months. ECC's major responsibility was adult social care and there was a need to work closer with the NHS in this area.

The Highways Agency was to upgrade the A12 between Boreham and Colchester.

FOOTBRIDGE- HANNA'S FIELD TO BUTTERCUP FIELD: Karen Plumridge explained that she had reported the dangerous condition of the footbridge some months before and had been told that it was scheduled for repair. There was a general opinion that it had become so dangerous that it would be safer to have the remains removed and have nothing there.

VOLUNTEERS: Peter Cockerill suggested that when calling for volunteers, activities they were needed for should be specified. People might be more prepared to put themselves forward if they knew what was wanted and for how long.

HANNA'S TOTS: Serene Brown thanked the Parish Council on behalf of Tots for helping with the rent.

PRESCHOOL: Serene Brown reported that Preschool were still trying to get funding for a second awning. Their fundraising pamper evening would be on Friday 5th. May and she was collecting for a sponsored walk at Barleylands.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH: Christine Horton expressed her thanks to all who were helping with the churchyard.

There being no further business the formal part of the meeting was closed at 8.54 and those present were thanked for their attendance and invited to stay for refreshments.