

Annual Parish Meeting of Ubbeston

Thursday 3rd May 7pm

At Huntingfield Hub

- 1. Introduction & Welcome by Chair of the Parish Council.**
- 2. Apologies for Absence.** Apologies from Stephen Burroughes who is attending another meeting. Lynne Ward who is away on holiday.
- 3. To approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting.** Agreed and signed as correct.
- 4. To receive a report from the Parish Council.** Cllr Chrissie Wootton gave a report from the Parish Council. Appendix A
- 5. To receive reports from:**
 - 5.1 District Councillor** To follow
 - 5.2 Country Councillor** To follow
 - 5.3 MP Therese Coffey** Not received
 - 5.4 Safer Neighbourhood Team Halesworth Locality**
 - 5.5 Report from The Hub.** Appendix B

Thanks expressed to Lynne Ward for managing the website.

Meeting closed 7.20pm.

Minutes signed as correct.

Chairman _____ **Date** _____

Appendix A

UBBESTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

It has been a year since Allan Pike stood down as Chair of the Parish Council, after many years of loyal service, and I took over the role. Thankfully Allan agreed to remain as Vice Chair to offer support and guidance. Lynne Ward also joined the Council a year ago. Where does the time go?!

I would like to thank Allan, Julie Collett (Parish Clerk) and all the Parish Councillors for their time and effort on behalf of the residents of Ubbeston in the last year.

The precept has been increased this year to cover costs associated with new General Data Protection regulations, which come into effect from May 2018.

Many of the issues outlined in previous reports have remained in focus during 2017 – 2018.

The telephone kiosk has finally been adopted during the year at a cost of £1. The current issue under investigation concerns whether there remains a power supply to the kiosk, which would enable the installation of a defibrillator.

Suffolk County Council have finally agreed to the installation of poles on the B1117 for a Speed Indicator Device but funding for the device itself is still to be finalised. The Parish Council have approached the Co-op for a grant and confirmation of resources is still awaited from District Councillor Stephen Burroughes.

Road repairs remain high on the agenda but funding is an increasing issue with Suffolk County Council Highways Department. A meeting of local Parishes, Suffolk Highways and the District Councillor was held on 23rd April 2018 to try and make progress on outstanding issues and agree a pragmatic way forward. Suffolk County Council have recently circulated a Community Help Survey and more local involvement appears to be the way forward.

Chrissie Wootton
Chair of Ubbeston Parish Council

Appendix B

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Report to Huntingfield, Heveningham & Ubbeston Annual Parish Meetings - May 2018

A comment today from someone, who was enjoying an outdoor lunch at the pub on the village green, really made me sit up and think. 'Your village hall is such a beautiful building. Our village hall, even though it has been renovated, still looks like just a village hall whereas The Hub looks so good.' I replied that maybe in 50 years time people would say that about The Hub. She said quite emphatically, 'No, because it IS beautiful'.

It's easy to take for granted the great venue we have for the villages.

Yes - it takes a huge amount of time and effort to keep it looking good.

Yes - we have to ensure it is used effectively, giving people a wide range of activities to attend if they should wish to do so.

Yes - it has to 'pay for itself' - so the Trustees must ensure that marketing is kept to a very high standard to ensure that happens.

Yes - it is an amazing village asset!

What is really rewarding is that the clubs and classes that were running last year are STILL all running now a year later. So, we have **Pilates, Yoga, Jive & Swing, Zumba Gold, Bridge, Carpet Bowls, Wednesday Group and Table Tennis**. These are all regular events. New clubs and activities are **Kids Club, Ukulele, Saturday Brunch and Craft Club this year**.

As well as these regular events this spring has seen four different **theatre companies** perform in The Hub and a local group, **The Old Groynes**, which played to sell-out audiences for two nights in March. This comprised about 30 people - acting, back stage, directing, lighting, sound engineers, stage set design and production etc. etc. People from Huntingfield, Heveningham & Ubbeston were involved - a real Three Village Group.

So what else has happened since last year?

The **Millennium Green Trustees** used The Hub to stage their Apple Day and Race Night - both being very successful events.

The **Events Group** had a Bring & Buy Sale, Film Nights, New Year's Eve celebrations, a Summer Solstice Walk and a Macmillan Coffee Morning amongst other things.

Other events included a Cookery Masterclass, a talk about Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, a Charity Ladies Party night, Children's Christmas Party, Christmas Party, Carol Singing, a Craft Fayre, various workshops organised by Coastal Leisure Learning as well as a host of privately organised events and parties.

Since the last APM report we have installed lighting on the steps leading to the Millennium Green which has the advantage of giving additional parking areas for events without which the streets would be clogged with park cars. The Trustees would like to thank the Trustees of the Millennium Green for allowing this to happen.

Financially The Hub Trustees are ensuring that all bills are met, servicing carried out, and replacement items procured. The Hub costs in excess of £100 per week to run - even with it's wonderful ground source heating which means The Hub is always warm throughout the building through its underfloor heating system.

£100 per week is £5,000 per year - this cost will rise as the years go by and things start to wear out. The Trustees are aware of this and are continuing to raise funds in order that a surplus is built up so that the future running and maintenance of The Hub is ensured.

We really appreciate it when residents of the three villages tell us what they would like to see happening in The Hub. We have tried a few things that weren't successful such as Bingo - on an afternoon last summer this was held with only 5 attendees. They still had fun but...is this something we could try again - after all we bought the balls, score sheets etc. etc. Let us know what you think.

Another failed effort was The Meeting Place. This was to be held one Friday evening a month for people to meet together, play board games if they wished, chat, enjoy a glass or two, play table tennis - in the summer to play badminton, swingball have a bar-b-que. The numbers didn't grow above about a dozen so this was abandoned. Would you like to see this reinstated? It was very pleasurable for those attending - I enjoyed playing chess with another keen player.

What about a Bridge Club? Chess Club? or anything else you would like to suggest. The Trustees want to make The Hub a place for all, with something for everyone, so please help us by letting us know what you would like to see happening.

Finally - we always need more Trustees to become a part of this great team. So if you would like to be involved please let us know by emailing thehub@huntingfield.org or phoning 01986 799130 and leaving a message on The Hub telephone.

Thank you for taking the trouble to read this report.

Sue Lucas - Chair of The Hub Trustees.

The Hub Committee comprises:-

Sue Lucas - Chair - Huntingfield

Helen Cannon - Vice Chair - Huntingfield

Joan Baker - Marketing Manager - Huntingfield

Christine Barnes - Heveningham

David Burrows - Huntingfield

Stephen Harrison - Huntingfield

Tony Howe - Huntingfield

Steve Moorhouse - Ubbeston

Allan Pike - Ubbeston