

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Gayton Parish held on Wednesday 6 June 2018 at 7.00pm at the Jubilee Hall, Gayton.

Present	Cllr B Anota	Cllr J Currey	Cllr P Savage	Cllr S Verber
	Cllr P Grant	Cllr S Taylor	Cllr A Dewing	

Also present: The Clerk & 6 Members of the Public.

**To receive and consider apologies for absence:
Apologies were received from Cllr C Romney, Cllr P Gidney & Cllr A Beales**

To Receive a Report from the Borough Councillor.
Unfortunately Cllr Beales is unable to with us this evening and no report received.

To Receive a Report from the County Councillor. (Received via email whilst at the hall for the meeting.)

An update for you, I have not seen you for a few months but please let me reassure you that I am as active as ever. Parish council meetings are a struggle to attend, as stated before my area covers 14 full parishes and crosses over 2 others. With my statutory responsibilities with the county council (most of which I leave home at 7am) plus my borough council meetings (all of which are evenings) coupled with my work commitments I have to be wary of how many evenings I am busy and then those I have at home.

I have also mentioned to other parishes that if a contentious issue arises please let me know and ill be sure to come along or have daytime meetings with the chair etc. If you could let me know your next meeting as soon as ill check my diary tomorrow. Gayton does in fact clash with other parishes narrowing the time down more.

My involvement has mostly been with children's' services and I have served on the committee since my election, and have chaired a task group looking into semi-independent accommodation for 16 & 17 year olds across Norfolk.

Recently I have been actively involved with the campaign " wish we were duelled" the campaign to get the entire A47 duelled (we are trying)
The b1145 has thrown up some issues over the last month or so with regards to flooding; I have been working very closely with highways in perusing the landowner to resolve it. Work is still ongoing.
I have also been looking into our bus services as I have had a couple of residents contact me about this. Stagecoach pulling out put this work on hold, as we needed to ensure someone replaced them; however now this is done we can get it looked into again.

Overall and in most councils the issues remain to be funding, or lack of, with the diminishing revenue support grant. I have been asked my new leader Cllr Andrew Proctor to sit on a deep dive committee, which will look deeper into the council's finances. No one gets elected with the intentions to cut out but things

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are changing and we need to look at how to remodel some services to save money and to be more commercially minded into how we can make our own.

Minutes of Gayton Annual Parish Meeting held on 15 May 2017

The minutes were agreed and it was agreed for Cllr Anota to sign on behalf of the Parish. There were no matters arising.

Village Hall Management and Fund Raising Committee Reports.

The Clerk advised that no report had been received.

Gayton Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section Report.

Cllr Anota read out the following report:

1st Gayton Rainbows.

We currently have 16 girls in our unit. From May to July 2017 we celebrated 30 years of Rainbows with the Seaside Theme and visited the Sea life Centre. In the autumn we completed our Seasons Roundabout and went on a mini beast hunt, built feeders and visited the RSPCA centre before all things Christmas. From January to March we did our Paddington Bear Badge, so we went to the Cinema, made marmalade sandwiches, went on a trip to deepest darkest Sandringham and did all things Paddington. Then we did our backpackers badge and cooked outside, looked at maps and completed a mini expedition to Wolferton. This term we completed our Holland badge so we have had a bike instructor in, planted flowers and decorated pots. We also visited Bircham Windmill and made bread.

1st Gayton Brownies.

Gayton Brownies have had another busy year. There are currently 32 girls in the Unit. Badges we've done this year;

- * Beauty & the Beast Challenge – included clock making, Body Shop party, strawberry roses & visit to Castle Acre castle
- * Stargazer – with a visit from King's Lynn Astronomy Club
- * Trefoil Challenge – celebrating 75 years of Girlguiding's Trefoil Guild. We invited our local (Great Massingham) Guild to a party evening, learnt balloon modelling, visited Sandringham, and made then flew kites
- * Road Safety – with two girls coming 3rd in our Division Road Safety Quiz
- * Wildlife Explorer – at Holkham Estate, led by their Education Officer

We enjoyed attending;

- * Remembrance Day Service at St Nicholas' Church, Gayton
- * Our Christmas events – the Bazaar and cinema trip
- * An Adventurous Brownie & parent activities day at Hautbois Activity Centre
- * Our District Thinking Day football themed celebration led by Norfolk FA

Our three-day Brownie Holiday was at Patteson Lodge, Coltishall and we had a Paddington Bear theme. Activities included teddy bear making, a Bure Valley Railway train ride and Broads boat trip, marmalade making and visit to Girlguiding Norfolk's new Archive Centre.

Our February sleepover was hosted by Stories of Lynn and as we were their first overnight visitors this was well publicised locally. We all learnt a great deal about

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King's Lynn's fascinating history and people and slept around the famous King John Cup!

We have trialled several new activities and taken part in national surveys for Girlguiding as part of their national new programme development and are looking forward to the launch of this in July.

1st Gayton Guides

At the moment we have 38 girls in the unit and, unfortunately, 4 girls on the waiting list which, we are currently unable to accommodate.

We had a very enjoyable, camp in May last year at Patteson Lodge, Coltishall. This included a trip on the Bure Valley Railway and Crate Stacking, Rafting, Kayaking and Obstacle Course at Hautbois House

At our weekly meetings we have concentrated on doing things chosen by and organized by, the girls themselves. We have held a Bake Sale for the Norfolk Hospice, been Trampolining in Norwich, taken part in the County Road Safety Quiz and had an Art Session at Norfolk Creative Arts. Linda and 4 girls joined with Kings Lynn Guides for a trip to Switzerland in October. Camp this year (last week) was at Roughton Mill, near Cromer and included an activity filled day at Kingswood West Runtun. We are looking forward to attending Norjam, an International Jamboree, on the Norfolk Showground in August.

1st Gayton Rangers

It was the end of an era for Gayton Rangers in July as Sue Hodson retired from her role as unit helper. We presented her with a scrapbook of memories and many Rangers from previous years came to say goodbye at a surprise picnic. One visitor was Sophie Bilham, who has kindly stepped in as unit helper. We had rather low numbers at the end of last summer. We organised Hike Camp Cook to encourage the older Guides to join and we now have 8 Rangers who regularly attend, plus 4 other members. We have completed 3 badges, all organised by one of the Rangers, Amelia Platt; Reindeer, Spring Challenge and Suffragette badges. The Rangers worked with Football Association coaches to deliver training and referee matches for over 100 Guides, Brownies and Rainbows on Thinking Day.

Rangers have also organised a pamper evening for Brownies. Our main project this term is building a 'gate' for Norjam with a 1940's cartoon theme.

The units have done lots of activities together including celebrating World Thinking Day with a football themed event to link with the World Cup, pamper sessions, a visit to the Cinema and a night hike. All of the Gayton units attended Remembrance Service at Gayton Church in November. We would like to thank the residents of the Village for their continued support of our Christmas Bazaar and remind you that our Charity Bag collection takes place next week!

Gayton Women's Institute Report.

We have seen a few changes in our WI during the past year when several of our members have either moved away from Gayton or have family and health issues that prevent them from attending our meetings.

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So we are small happy band at the moment still enjoying our monthly meetings here at the hall. We really appreciate the hall and the clean and tidy state in which it is kept.

We had a great birthday party here with entertainment from Three's Company and were delighted to invite members of the public to come to Kenny Dewing and Stephen Thrower's presentation on the history of Gayton. It was great sharing memories of the Village's past.

We have made Green Hearts to bring attention to Climate Change, done a little bit of keep fit and we voted in favour of the Resolution "Mental Health Matters" at the WI Annual meeting in Cardiff today.

We intend to enjoy several outings this summer, plus a cookery demonstration and something for the gardeners amongst us and would love to welcome some new members to our group.

Evergreens Report.

The Evergreens a social club for the retired of Gayton and vicinity, had a poor year for attendance from their 50+ membership in 2017 up until December, this was mostly due to the lack of parking opposite, where once the members parked in the old Rampant Horse car park. Although the pub had seen many landlords, each had always allowed the Evergreens to park there, as it was an afternoon meeting.

However until the end of year the club members had enjoyed speakers of various types, from an authoress of saucy novels to a representative from trading standards on the subject of scams, a pie & mash lunch, a strawberry tea, their own AGM in October and a Carol service December which ended the year and said goodbye to the Gayton Jubilee Village Hall.

The Evergreens originally called the Over Sixties club, was formed in 1957 holding their monthly meetings in the Jubilee Village Hall for sixty years, which they celebrated with a special meal and celebration cake in the Hall last year. Although the name changed to make it more appealing to the more active retirement age, these days doing more to stay young at heart, and as people drive longer they don't expect to have to walk far after parking, perhaps because they have passengers who can't.

It was with great sadness that the decision was made to make the move to the East Winch Village Hall, we also had to change the day from Wednesday to Thursday! The members were very happy in their Gayton home and it was a big upheaval for them after such a long time.

The move has made it easier for members with the parking and it has also gained new members, however if the promised parking here in Gayton opposite the Hall is going to be permanent, then we would take a vote on moving back, if the afternoon was still available once a month, obviously we cannot chop and change about.

From Kath Roberts Social Secretary to the Evergreens.

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Neighbourhood Plan Report.

The Steering Group will have completed its consultation with the community at the end of June with the final of its Drop-in Forums. It had been pleased with the level of attendance at the evening event 30 May 2018 and hoped that 9 June (Gayton) and 30 June (Gayton Thorpe) would be similarly attended. Thereafter the Group would be able to start drafting the Neighbourhood Plan in conjunction with Cambridge ACRE the appointed consultancy. The final tranche of Grant was expected to be through in the near future.

Gayton Knit & Natter

Forming the Knit & Natter group here in 2014 just before I handed over the running of the Jubilee Hall, it was thought up as something to bring a little income into the Hall and for folk to engage in conversation whilst enjoying their hobby, also such groups have started up in nearly every town, as knitting is a very much revived craft. We meet each Wednesday afternoon and as a rule have between 6 and 12 ladies who come along for an interesting time, not just knitting but talking about everything in general, so by the time they leave they have put the world to rights! Tea and cake provide by themselves is also enjoyed and they each pay £2 for the privilege. This provides the Hall with an income of an average of £70/80 per month.

The ladies have chosen the East Anglia Children's Hospices as their charity for their fundraising, so far accumulating to an excess of £1,500, which comes from the craft sales held in the Easter and Christmas periods each year, they are not always well attended and are a lot of hard work, however they have been very enjoyable to do for such a worthwhile cause.

The group has enabled ladies to meet and make new friends even having an outing to Taverham for a little craft shopping, which will be repeated.

Kath Roberts Group organizer

Gayton Fuel Allotment Charity
Reg Charity No 243082

The Gayton Fuel Allotment Charity dates back to 1823 when a piece of land was left to the village by a vicar to provide for the poor full details can be found on a board in the South Porch of St Nicholas Church.

The Vicar is ex officio

I have been Chairman for about 26 years.

The original idea was to provide fuel i.e. coal for the poor of the village. Over the years very few people want coal.

The Charity Commissioners have authorised the trustees to pay money to the applicants in the form of a cheque.

The Charity like all charities has a constitution and the trustees must comply with that. It says that the income from the land must be used to relieve those who are **in hardship need or distress and have lived in Gayton or Gayton Thorpe for five**

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years. To comply with any of these applicants must be in receipt of one benefit any benefit authorised by H M Government except the 25% single occupiers benefit.

The money is given out prior to Christmas each year a notice is placed in the Parish Magazine for two months October and November asking for applicants.

Year on Year the number of applicants fall this is due to the older generation dying and very few new applicants. This can also be attributed to people not reading the magazine we know this happens as we talk to people and try and get them to apply and they tell us they don't know anything about the charity we tell them it was in the Parish Magazine and they reply ' We put that in the bin' What more can we do?

The Charity Commissioners have told us that we now have to consider other ways of disposing of the money they have told us that we should consider Charities in Kings Lynn such as the food bank and night shelter etc. I would rather see the money allocated to the parishioners but if they won't apply what more can we do. The application is very simple name, address and declare, which one benefit you are on.

Any suggestions would be most welcome.

Stanley Watkinson
Chairman
Gayton Fuel Allotment Charity

Gayton Speedwatch

Speedwatch had not been very active during 2017 and the first five months of 2018. There were a number of reasons for this in that a number of the original members of the Gayton Team felt they had done their time and wanted new members to take it forward for the future.

We are especially grateful to Peter Grant who was the Speedwatch Co-ordinator until August of 2017 when I became the new Co-ordinator when Peter asked me if I would take over from him.

The first thing I realised was that there were not enough helpers to run the team. You are required to have a minimum of 7 members in order to start using the Team. We had a recruitment campaign and this led to 5 new members with 2 existing members either being trained or re-trained by the Norfolk Constabulary.

We are fortunate in having been given a new Digital Speedmeter which is very much easier to operate then the previous one was.

On the first two outings on the 30th and 31st of May we recorded 25 speeding motorist on the Grimston and East Winch Roads. The highest speed recorded was 50mph. I believe that this demonstrates the need for the Gayton Speedwatch Team and so we are continuing our recruitment programme aiming at a target figure of around 16 members. To date we have the team of 7 and 3 more who having expressed interest so a further 6 would be very helpful indeed.

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If we achieve 16 members of the team then we could comfortably run two teams a week, covering holidays and illness. So if anyone here is interested please contact me or any member of the Team.

Many residents have expressed the need for Speedwatch and are supportive of the work we do. Bt we have to be mindful.

GAYTON JUBILEE VILLAGE HALL

The Trustees of Gayton Jubilee Village Hall are pleased to welcome everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

Since our last meeting, the hall has continued to survive under the management of the five Trustees. Sadly, however, the time has come for some of those Trustees to step down. I, on behalf of the Trustees would like to thank Paul Savage for his work as Bookings Manager, Sid Verber, our Treasurer, and also confirm that I (Kay Shambrook) will be stepping down as Chair Person, as from this month.

At our last meeting, the hall was struggling to survive, but I am pleased to say that the Trustees have worked tirelessly to keep the hall going and try and introduce new users. The hall is thriving and we have a reasonably healthy bank balance.

Our biggest project of all this year was to have the interior of the hall decorated, and what a difference this has made. We have to thank Brewers Decorating Centre for supplying the materials at an extremely cost effective price, and Andy Beecroft and his amazing team, who gave their time voluntarily, for all their hard work, which they carried out just after Christmas. This was especially appreciated, as most people see this as a time for being with family and friends, but they willingly gave up their valuable time.

We are also to have a new oil tank installed. This will not make any difference to the hall or heating, but will ensure that we have no leakage and can continue to keep the hall warm.

There is still a great deal of work that needs doing to the outside of the building, but funds are limited and at the moment this can only proceed on a "needs must" basis.

The Trustees have worked hard over the last year and in particular many thanks to our Events Organiser, Sally for her tireless effort in leading all the activities that have taken place. We have tried to make these as varied as possible to suit all age groups within the village. Our bingo evenings are by far, still the favourite, in terms of footfall, and profit for the hall.

We have sadly lost Evergreens to another venue, but the upside is that we have a permanent booking for a regular weekly regular user, Slimming World, which is being run by Joanne Mace, and so far is really successful. We hope Evergreens will reconsider in the New Year now that there is the prospect of public parking on the old Rampant Horse site.

The Trustees feel that the village hall is a vital part of Gayton village life, and very much needed by our regular user groups. We are always looking for new users, but more importantly, looking to the people of Gayton themselves to come along to events and support the hall. Without that support, the six Trustees on board at the present time will find it hard to keep the hall going.

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The Trustees would like to thank everyone, including all our regular users, for their support over the past year, and hope that they can continue to provide events for the villagers enjoyment.

The Trustees

Accounts – 2017/18.

The Clerk went through the Balance Sheet. (Please see attached)

Any Comments or questions from Members of the Public.

No comments received.

Date, Time & Place of next Annual Parish Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 May 2019 at 7.00pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 7:25pm.

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