

THORPE MALSOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Thorpe Malsor Annual Parish Meeting held on 28th May 2019 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Mrs F Pope (Chair), Cllr Mrs H Sharp, Cllr Mr R Walton, Cllr E Stevenson
2 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Mrs Z Powell

Clerk: Mrs Anne-Marie Walton-Miller

Cllr Mrs Pope opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the public.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 29th May 2018 were read, proposed by Cllr Mrs Pope and seconded by Cllr Mrs Sharp before being signed.

2. ANNUAL REPORT OF THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Mrs Pope, Chair of Thorpe Malsor Parish Council, presented the Annual Report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

3. THE ANNUAL ACCOUNT REPORT 2018/2019

The Clerk presented a summary of the Parish Council's finances, a copy is attached hereto.

4. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

4.1 REPORT FROM THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Mrs Pope read out the Report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

4.2 ALL SAINTS CHURCH REPORT

Cllr Mrs Pope read out the Report which was prepared by Mr Powell, a copy of the Report is attached hereto.

4.3 SOCIAL CLUB REPORT

The Report was read by Mr Colin Thompson, Chairman of TMSC, a copy of the Report is attached hereto.

4.4 VILLAGE TOTE

The Tote Report was read out by the Clerk on behalf of Sue Walton who sent her apologies. A copy of the Report is attached; in summary £400 from the proceeds was split equally between the Church and Village Hall funds. Cllr Mrs Pope on behalf of the Committee expressed thanks to Sue Walton for her hard work and continuing support of the village organisations.

5. OPEN DISCUSSION

No issues raised.

6. CLOSING COMMENTS

Cllr Mrs Pope thanked those attending and compiling their respective reports. Cllr Mrs Pope also thanked all Cllrs and the Parish Clerk for their support over the past year. Cllr Mr Stevenson in turn thanked Cllr Mrs Pope for her ongoing commitment during a very trying year.

There being no further business, Cllr Mrs Pope closed the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.20pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Thorpe Malsor Parish Council Annual Report for Annual Parish Meeting 2019

Most of the issues concerning the Parish Council appear later in the Agenda so I do not intend to pre-empt those matters, but I would like to pick up on a couple of issues which will be affecting the Parish Council, and the whole village, moving forward.

Firstly, the current state of national Government and the upcoming re-organisation of local Government does have huge implications for Parish Councils and Councillors. Northamptonshire County Council and Kettering Borough Council will cease to exist on or before May 2021 which sounds a long time off but will come round soon enough and a great deal needs to be achieved before then. We have no idea how this will actually work, which council staff will be retained and where they will be based! Also, the current funding crisis at NCC may have been temporarily resolved by the sale of capital but the lack of core funding will remain and will have serious consequences for Parish Councils who may acquire significant extra responsibilities to provide some core services and thereby find the funding to pay for them via the precept.

Secondly, I would like to remind all parishioners that Parish Councillors, unlike Borough and County Councillors, do not receive any payment and give their time and energy freely to support their local community. There are no political agendas at Parish Council level. I am proud that all our Parish Councillors, and the Parish Clerk, bring a unique skill set and life experiences to deliver this service to their community. I would also remind everyone that all current Parish Councillors are required to stand down on 7 May 2020 and will decide if they wish to continue. This may create vacancies on the Parish Council – all expressions of interest in due course will be very welcome. There has not been a Parish Council election in Thorpe Malsor for many years – if one is needed. It would be really encouraging to see younger members of the community stepping forward.

Frances Pope
Chair, Thorpe Malsor Parish Council
28 May 2019

THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

Finance Report for Annual Parish Meeting 01/04/18 – 31/03/19

Income	Amount
Precept	£2,000.00
Other Receipts (VAT reclaimed)	£153.35
TOTAL	£2,153.35

Expenditure	Amount
Bus Shelter Rent	£15.00
NCALC Annual Membership 2018	£200.72
Website domain and hosting annual cost	£95.99
Annual Insurance Costs	£269.28
Repair and repainting of phone box	£800.00
Stationary & Printing	£22.98
Grass verge cutting	£50.00
CPRE Annual Membership 2019	£36.00
Northants ACRE Annual Membership 2019	£35.00
Staff Costs	£500.00
Bank Charges	£4.20
TOTAL	£2,029.17

Bank Balance at end of financial year: £3816.18

Thorpe Malsor Village Hall Management Committee Report 2018/19

Another year where we have managed to support the local community and maintain the village hall in good condition.

We hosted 2 **Big Breakfasts** on 6 October 2018 and 16 March 2019 which were both well attended and enjoyed by all who attended. They involve a great deal of hard work from the usual team of helpers for which we are very grateful.

The village hall also hosted an event to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War 1 with the **National Bell Ringing** on 11th November 2018. The hall was decorated with various displays and bunting, tea and cake provided, and activities for the children prior to everyone leaving to ring bells in the churchyard at the exact same time as others across the whole country. An excellent community event all round.

We were very pleased to continue the **refurbishment project** of the village hall, funded in large part once again by grants from Kettering Borough Council. This involved replacing the wall heaters with more efficient energy saving models, and also replacing all the old fluorescent light strips with new LED based systems. We are grateful to Vic Massaro for his help getting this work completed.

Accounts – these are satisfactory due mainly to our 2 long standing hirers, the Model Railway Group and the Martial Arts Group. Thanks are due to Joan Smart for her continuing work supporting this part of the committee's needs, also handling bookings. We are also very grateful to Sue Walton for the TOTE contribution to our funds.

I would like to thank all members of the committee for their support and hard work in keeping the village hall in good condition, and supporting interesting and fun community events.

Frances Pope, Secretary

ALL SAINTS CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

for Thorpe Malsor Annual Parish Meeting 2019

Summary

Five years has passed since All Saints Growth Plan was adopted and it continues to deliver significant results. It is accepted and acknowledged that conventional mission initiatives, in the sense of reaching out in a parish of this size are neither appropriate nor indeed practical. In today's world, the task of increasing awareness and relevance of the Christian message is achieved through practical caring in unobtrusive ways. This continues to be the hall mark of All Saints Community.

The high point of the year was 'The Bishop's Big Weekend' May 10th - May 13th when Bishop John Holbrook, Bishop of Brixworth visited the Tresham Benefice and the Churches held a variety of different special events. A short Service was held in All Saints followed by Prayers at the Social Club and Blessing of the soil to reflect the Parish's age old rural connections.

Services

As in previous years, the pattern of services was maintained with two Ordained and one Lay led. The Tea and Toast Service, now in its fourth year, is a well-established and popular part of the community life attracting all ages and support both locally and from outside the immediate Parish.

This act of worship continues to be masterminded by the well-established sub Committee who ensured that each has a simple direct message appropriate to an event in the church calendar - Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday, Mothering Sunday etc.

On two occasions, a shortened informal act of Communion was introduced and it was particularly encouraging that many stayed and participated.

In addition to its pattern of services, All Saints continues to offer a diversity of special services including the service by the Reservoir, Taize and the very popular Crib Service with its cameo stable scene, this year was attended by over 120. This year children from the Parish participated and took over the major roles for the first time.

Holy Communion continues to be celebrated at Rookery Cottage Care Home once a month.

The Ordained Team

Canon John, Rev'd Ruth ably and generously assisted by Rev'ds Stephen Heygate and Margaret Mossman have continued to offer their dedicated and practical ministry of caring to the Parish community at large.

The Parish has continued to prayfully support Kathryn Evans as she has progressed in her vocational training

Fund Raising

The Bridge Day held at Thorpe Malsor Hall was the only major fundraising event during the year. As always it was well supported and has become a funding mainstay contributing to both the increased Parish share contributions and to the provision of future maintenance obligations. This year the Parish was fortunate to benefit from a significant act of generosity which compensated in no small degree to the absence of additional fund raising

Maintenance

The year has thankfully passed without any major maintenance needs other than small items of renewal. However this continued good fortune cannot be taken for granted.

Thorpe Malsor Social Club Report for the Annual Village Meeting 2019

The club has had a fairly successful year with an increase in turnover and a small profit achieved, which is good news following last year's loss.

Sue Walton with the help of her staff runs the club very efficiently and is always looking for opportunities to maintain and increase business. The club now runs four skittle teams which maintains the viability of the business - mid week. Weekends are usually busy and well supported by some Thorpe Malsor residents and club members from surrounding villages.

The monthly coffee mornings continue, run by Sue, this is always well supported. Attendees are villagers and friends from the local area, and it still proves to be an excellent way of socialising in the community.

Expenditure continues to be made on the flat above the club to maintain condition. The garden has been improved and is well used especially during the warmer months. The regular Sunday barbecues were successful last year and are to be continued this year, also the annual club events such as the Burns Lunch and Jazz Day along with regular quizzes and musical events.

Sue organises private functions during the year which include villagers and members parties and events, association meetings, e.g. fisherman, cricket club and Rotary, plus weddings and funerals. Sue will always discuss and encourage events with any interested parties.

When we consider that the two local pubs in Broughton and Cransley have recently closed, and that many pubs and clubs are struggling we must applaud all those associated with the club, staff, members and committee, but primarily, Sue for a successful year. The future will not be easy but with the excellent support we have experienced this year, the social club will continue to provide a service for the community.

Colin Thompson.

Treasurer

Village Tote Report for 2019

Last year not so many people paid up in full, although I had 70 names on the list.

£656	collected
£240	given in prizes
£20	licence fee
£200	donated to Church funds
£200	donated to Village Hall funds
<u>£660</u>	

Tote balance held at bank: £1043.51 (earning interest)

Sue Walton

Tote Organiser