



# LONG MELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019

At 7.00pm in the LARGE ROOM, United Reformed Church, Hall Street, Long Melford

In attendance were Cllrs: Liz Malvisi (Chair), Ian Bartlett, Maureen Clayton, Richard Kemp, Carole Michette, Richard Michette, Paul Moreton, John Nunn & John Watts.

Also present were 4 members of the public

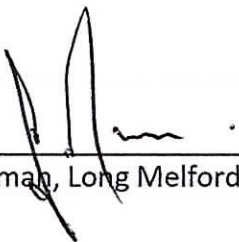
**Apologies** were received from Cllrs Graham Eade, Claire Ingram & Jayne Lines.

Cllr C Michette supplied coffee and biscuits.

Agenda Number	Description
1	<b>Chairman's welcome</b> - Cllr Liz Malvisi welcomed all present to the meeting. Apologies were received.
2	<b>The Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting (Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018) were approved for receipt by a unanimous showing of hands and signed by the Chairman.</b>
3	<b>Chairman's Report</b> – The chairman provided a brief report on highlights of the year, with specific mention made of the contribution by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the importance of their role, the SOS Team and the support offered to them by the Parish Council. The work in completing the Phase II lighting project and the Beacon of Light were also mentioned. With the purdah requirements limiting what more could be said, the Chairman moved on with the agenda.
3	<b>County Councillor Report by Cllr R Kemp</b> Provided a written report, but highlighted a number of issues- Namely: (1) the re-vamped library, which must now encourage greater usage. (2) The budget cuts and how CAB has had to deal with the issue. (3) The new leader of Suffolk County Council (Cllr Matthew Hicks). (4) The use of the Locality Budget (5) SCC appears to be working hard to overcome their SEND (Special Education Needs and Disability) shortcomings
4	<b>District Cllr Report by Cllr R Kemp:</b> Cllr Kemp's written report on BDC was received and noted. Cllr Kemp verbally emphasised the issue of reduced central funding to the District Council, delivering as a consequence the reliance on New Homes Bonus and the requirement to invest in order to provide a future revenue stream.
5	<b>Presentation</b> – a presentation was made by Cllr Nunn on behalf of the entire council to Cllr Kemp to mark his retirement as a District and Parish Councillor, after serving for 46 years.
6	<b>Police Report:</b> Regrettably, the police were unable to attend on this occasion.

7	<b>Reports from Village Organisations</b> - Written Reports were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Long Melford Heritage Centre</li><li>▪ Long Melford Parish Recorder</li><li>▪ Long Melford Litter Pickers</li><li>▪ Long Melford Historical and Archaeological Society</li><li>▪ Long Melford Community Association (<i>verbal report</i>)</li><li>▪ Friends of Long Melford Church Trust</li><li>▪ Holy Trinity Hospital Trust</li><li>▪ Long Melford Good Neighbours Scheme</li></ul> all of which were received and noted.
8	<b>Chairman's Closing Remarks</b> – were to thank all for attending, and for their efforts in and around the village.

The meeting closed at 19:53

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Long Melford Parish Meeting