

Minutes Parish Council Meeting held on 16th May 2018 in the Village Hall at 7 pm

6 Residents attended

- 1. Welcome** Apologies Cllr Patrick , Tessa Paul, Tom Grant
- 2. Minutes of the previous year were signed as a true record**
- 3. Matters arising None**
- 4. Chairman's report from Elizabeth Aldous**

The Parish Council met 6 times. Plus we held 2 Planning meetings.

We dealt with 5 planning applications. The Bus Shelter has again been run into. I don't understand why SCC and BDC allow more house to be built on the peninsula before dealing with safety problems at Freston x-roads. I have recently sent to BDC a comment that refers to this.

2017 was the first Great East Run. Freston was cut off and there were many complaints from residents. Colin Grocan kindly attended a meeting and hopefully there will not be the problems that occurred in September 2017. We have been dealing with the dumped caravans by Monkey Lodge and a number of people using Freston to live in vehicles in 2 laybys...(I understand that the two caravans have gone and the man living in the car)

The exciting News for Freston is that the Boot has been refurbished and will soon be open again under its new Landlord Mike Keen.

It is hoped that the church will allow the wooden statue Peace to be put into the church. Peace is 100 years old and needs to be kept inside. The intention is to put a replacement made of resin on the plinth.

Freston Parish Council responded to the boundary commission consultation for Babergh. We have said that we would prefer 3 separate districts and NOT a bigger area with 3 District Councillors that has been suggested for this area.

I would like to thank all the parish council and the village hall committee for all that they do for the village. Especially to our Treasurer John Dovey and our internal auditor Andrew Whittle
In May 2019 there will be elections both for the district council and the parish council. I do not indent putting my name forward. I am giving 1 years notice as at the moment I do the clerks work, Freston News and Freston Parish website. The new council will have to look into how they are going to run it.

5. **Treasure's report by John Dovey** on file (the accounts can be found on the Freston Parish Council website)

6. Reports from:

• **Village Hall Representative-Clare Fisk**

The report from the Chairman of Village Hall on file . Clare said that she also wished to thank Adrian, Debbie and Richard for all the work that they do to keep the village hall and the field behind so tidy.

Cllr David Wood (Suffolk County Council- On File

A report was read from Cllr Patrick –On file

7 AOB None