

### Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting on 17

**May 2012.** SCDC Report The LDF has taken up masses of time but is now with the inspector & we should hear the result by the end of the year. The on-going co-operation with Waverney DC continues with one HO department covering both councils in all departments. This should save over £6.5m in the next 4 years. SCDC has saved £2.1m this year & there is no increase to Council tax. Recycling in SCDC is the 8<sup>th</sup>. best in the country with almost 60% being re-cycled.

**Community Speed Watch.** Cllr. Compton – verbal report. Speedwatch takes place every 6 weeks in good weather. At least 4 people are caught speeding at 35mph or over every half hour. Cretingham is joining the Clopton group soon. Malcolm Gooch, the co-ordinator, is highly regarded and helps train the Police in Speedwatch duties. He was congratulated by the Parish Council.

**MATTERS RAISED BY PARISIONERS:** None.  
The meeting closed at 7.55p.m.



### Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th. May 2012 in the Village Hall

Mr. Dawson expressed concern that there had not been an extraordinary meeting to discuss the planning application C12/0373, Land & buildings north of Moat Hall, Martins Lane. There are two footpaths which cross this area and he had sent his comments to SCDC. The Parish Council had recommended refusal for this application.

Cllr. Compton was nominated as Chairman by Cllr. Pryke and seconded by Cllr. Pennington. There were no other nominations and Cllr. Compton was elected as Chairman for the ensuing year. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair.

Cllr. Angwin was nominated as Vice Chairman by Cllr. Pennington and seconded by Cllr. Freeman. There were no other nominations and Cllr. Angwin was elected as Vice Chairman.

Cllrs. Compton, Angwin, Freeman & Pryke had visited Charsfield & the Clerk had visited Hacheston wildlife areas for ideas. The Councillors had also visited the pond area by the concrete road. Mr. Taylor is willing to consider a wildlife area here. Otley College will be approached for help.

End of year accounts and finances were agreed Planning applications were examined and agreed Cllr. Angwin explained that under the Planning Regulations there is a gap until the LDF is adopted. A Village Design Statement can be used as guidance and SCDC have to take this into consideration in planning applications. Cllr. Angwin has produced a draft VDS using the Village Plan questionnaire as the basis and had submitted this to SCDC for recommendations 5 weeks ago. They have not read this yet. Once SCDC has given feedback, the VDS will be submitted to the village for their decision. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Angwin for all his work on this.

**Meeting closed at 9. Pm.**



*These minutes, along with those for the last 3 years can be read in full on the new Clopton website: <http://clopton.onesuffolk.net>*

### Next Parish Council Meetings:

20th September, 7.30pm, village hall  
15th November, 7.30pm, village hall

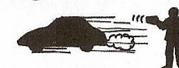
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### Speedwatch campaign

Volunteers are needed for the Speedwatch campaign. The work involves using a speed camera for approximately one hour a month to monitor the speed of traffic through the village. Volunteers are not responsible for stopping cars and there is no contact with motorists. Results from the cameras are ultimately passed onto the police for any further action. Volunteers are given full training in the use of the speed camera and in their responsibilities by area co-ordinator Malcolm Gooch. Volunteers are specifically required for coverage of the B1079 opposite Clopton Church and Chapel Road outside the White Hart at Otley. The Speedwatch scheme was set up by Clopton Parish Council and now has 8 villages in the area monitoring and reporting on traffic speed. If you would like to volunteer for the Speedwatch campaign or would like further details, please contact co-ordinator, Roy Compton, on 01473 735495.



### Otley launches own traffic calming offensive

In the Summer 2012 edition of the Grundisburgh news David Hook, parish councillor, wrote that a group of Otley residents, together with local businesses, schools and playgroups are campaigning to reduce the speed of motorists in Otley. Businesses are being asked to request their employees drive at 25mph through Otley and schools and playgroups are running competitions for designing campaign posters, with the slogan, "I drive at 25". Campaigners hope that if all 600 cars owned by residents of Otley were driven through the village at 25mph this would have a knock-on effect, causing all through-traffic to slow down. Their hope is that this would result in a quieter, safer village.

### Transport to Hospital

Suffolk AGE UK recently issued a factsheet for patients who rely on free transport to hospital services. Copies of the factsheets have been put on the village noticeboards, but are quite lengthy with lots of information, so, if anyone would like a copy to read at home, please e-mail [news@cloptonvillage.co.uk](mailto:news@cloptonvillage.co.uk) or phone 01473 737805

### The 493rd Bomb Group museum

at Debach airfield will be open on Sunday 30th September for visitors, free of entry, (donations most welcome). We will be promoting the Jeep's 70th anniversary in coming to the UK in WW2. We hope to have a number of jeeps here and they will take part in a run on the road and farm tracks. See you there,  
Richard Taylor [www.493bgdebach.co.uk](http://www.493bgdebach.co.uk)

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