

THE PARISH OF WATTISFIELD

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday 25 May 2022 at 7.30 pm
at URC Chapel, Chapel Road, Wattisfield

Present:

Cllr G Wade – Chairman

Councillors S Goodchild, M Elflain, A Telford and R Meyer, County Councillor J Fleming, C Garman (Parish Clerk) and two members of public.

1. WELCOME

Councillor G Wade welcomed all to the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 1 JUNE 2021

The minutes had been circulated and were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor G Wade read his report highlighting the activities of the Parish Council. This included the church clock project, the street lighting refurbishment, the litter pick, the cemetery and churchyard, the village pond, the changes in councillors, rights of way, hedges, speeding and the use of the SID, the Quiet Lanes Suffolk project, the community garden, flooding in Hinderclay Road, the Wattisfield Warbler and the village hall. All volunteers were thanked for their work.

4. PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

Copies had been circulated. These were presented by the Parish Clerk.

5. REPORTS

a) PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Reverend Philip Merry had given his apologies. A copy of his report is attached.

b) COUNTY COUNCILLOR

A copy of Councillor Fleming's report is attached. Various issues were expanded upon. There was a discussion on waste management.

c) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Council Meyer's report is attached and he expanded on various issues. There was discussion on the impact of developments outside the village and how these might be influenced.

d) SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

There was no report.

e) PARISH CHARITIES

Graham Freeman's report is attached. He spoke about the charity's assets and income and the grants that had been given.

f) COMMUNITY CENTRE AND RECREATION GROUND

There was no report. There was discussion on the future of the village hall and the work of the group looking at the options.

g) NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There was no report.

h) UNITED REFORM CHURCH

Michael Watson gave his report about the activities, work and challenges.

i) WALSHAM SCHOOL

Reverend Merry had included a report in his PCC report mentioned above.

6. OPEN FORUM

There had been many open discussions during the course of the meeting around street lighting, waste management, proposed local developments, the village hall and the village charities.

Meeting closed at 21.55

Christopher Garman

Parish Clerk

6 June 2022

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