

THE PARISH OF WATTISFIELD

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday 1 June 2021 at 7.30 pm
at Wattisfield Village Hall

Present:

Cllr G Wade – Chairman

Councillors S Goodchild, M Elflain, C Pell and R Meyer, C Garman (Parish Clerk) and 6 members of public.

1. WELCOME

Councillor G Wade welcomed all to the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 31 MAY 2019

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 effect of COVID-19, the Quiet Lanes Suffolk project, the churchyard, the cemetery, the speed indicative device, rights of way, potholes, flooding, the pond, the church clock project, the newsletter, the litter pick, the Walsham le Willows site traffic using the village roads and trees. GW also gave tribute to Naomi Ambrose and recognised her work within the village including being a parish councillor.

4. PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

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

5. REPORTS

a) PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Reverend Philip Merry gave a report and mentioned the challenge of keeping the extended churchyard maintained. He noted that work was needed and was looking for a community service term to undertake the work. Reverend Merry acknowledged the work of the parish council with restoring the church clock and maintaining the churchyard. He also thanked Wattisfield Town Estate for their grants which are vital to the finances.

b) COUNTY COUNCILLOR

A copy of Councillor Fleming's report was circulated. Various issues were expanded upon.

c) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Council Meyer's report had been previously circulated and he expanded on various issues.

d) SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

There was no report.

e) PARISH CHARITIES

Graham Freeman presented a report which had been previously circulated. He spoke about the charity's assets and income and the grants that had been given. He talked about the merger of the two village charities and the trustees.

f) COMMUNITY CENTRE AND RECREATION GROUND

There was no report.

g) NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There was no report.

h) UNITED REFORM CHURCH

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

i) WALSHAM SCHOOL

Reverend Merry reported on the work of the school and the challenges they have faced recently. It was noted there are currently 135 pupils.

6. OPEN FORUM

The Parish Clerk mentioned that the village street lighting equipment which was the responsibility of the parish council, was in need of serious investment. There was a discussion on whether street lighting was needed or perhaps it being turned off in the early hours.

Meeting closed at 20.55

Christopher Garman

Parish Clerk

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