

Minutes of the
Annual Parish Meeting
held Wednesday, 15th May 2024, 7.30pm
at Brundish Village Hall

Agenda Item	
	Cllr Neil Parsons welcomed all present. Four members of the Public were present together with Councillors.
1.	To receive Apologies for absence: Cllr C King and Cllr P Smiddy.
2.	To accept the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting - held 24th May 2023. Cllr N Parsons mentioned that Road Safety especially Speed Limits had been raised with SCC. Minutes were Accepted by those present and duly Signed by Cllr N Parsons.
3.	To receive Annual Reports from:
(3.1)	... The County Councillor, Report below
3.2	The District Councillor – Cllr Anders Linder See Attached Annual Report – Cllr A Linder gave a summary of his report. Cllr A Linder enjoyed visiting Brundish PC Meetings and other adjoining villages. Cllr N Parsons highlighted to those present that it was Cllr A Linder who provided funding through his Locality Grant to replace two Village Hall windows.
3.3	The Brundish Village Hall – Neil Parsons See Attached Annual Report – Neil Parsons gave a summary of the Report. Cllr N Parsons mentioned that the Village Hall is working with Community Action Suffolk to modernise its constitution. Some of the current Trustees (who have served the hall and community for many years) have indicated their wish to retire, so the hall is seeking new Trustees for election at the AGM later this year. Unfortunately, Film Nights do not currently have anyone to run them and have had to stop. The hall committee is looking for someone to take over this role, from September 2024.
3.4	The Education Trust – Gerald Western Gerald Western attended the meeting in the absence of Carl King. Gerald mentioned: The Education Trust met approx 6-weeks ago. Only One Application for funding had been received. Local Schools have been approached about the Trust – From Spring Term onwards there are a few School Trips planned, which may give rise to applications. Funding is for Students who are Brundish residents. Investments = £22,000. Approx. £5,000 in Current A/C and is available to spend – but need Applications! Trying to raise awareness of The Education Trust – any Further Education applications would be considered.
3.5	The Parish Council Chairman’s Annual Report – Cllr Neil Parsons See Attached Annual Report – Cllr Neil Parsons gave a summary of the Report. Additional Public items raised: Re Footpath No.5 - Resident questioned: When is the Bridge being installed? Cllr K Clabburn responded ... Bridge being installed next few weeks. Re Potholes... Resident raised the concern over recent Cycle Event where Event Marshals were having to Warn riders of the Potholes along route! Residents (incl. Cyclists) requested to Report Pothole repairs on SCC Pothole App. It was also reported that large trucks are also causing damage to trees and hedgerows.
Action:	Action: Clerk/Council to contact MSDC, Highways to raise these issues/concerns.

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3.6	Local Organisations
3.6 a)	<p>Wilby WI – Secretary: Alison King See Attached Annual Report – Alison King gave a review of Wilby WI’s Annual Report. Also... Rev. Chrissy Smart thanked Wilby WI for the Knitted Poppies (for Remembrance Sunday) that were given to both Wilby & Bedfield Parish Churches. Alison King said she would pass on the Thanks to the relevant Wilby WI members.</p>
3.1	<p><i>Cllr Matthew Hicks – Suffolk CC – joined the meeting...</i></p> <p>The County Councillor – Cllr Matthew Hicks See Attached Annual Report – Cllr M Hicks gave a summary of its content, in particular: Council budget of £752.8m approved – priority to protect vulnerable adults & children with additional funding proposed over next two years. £140,000 of savings by centralising Suffolk Archives to The Hold – closing W & E Suffolk branches. The Council’s budget and balancing the budget. Councils unite against the National Grid pylon proposals. £1.3m upgrade of the Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service Training Centre at Wattisham. £1m of funds to bring in additional Flood Investigation Specialists – re Storm Babet. # Highways – Since Storm Babet, increase in Potholes#/drainage reports – Statistics given. Reference made to Cllr P Smiddy’s Brundish Road Signs report, which SCC Highways are addressing. # Questions raised: A: Clerk to advise a/ Can residents still claim re Storm Babet Flooding Grants? Email/contact Cllr M Hicks but may be too late/missed deadlines. A: Clerk b/ Severe road damage/potholes at Crown Corner, Brundish. Email Cllr M Hicks with details.</p>
Cont/d... 3.6 b)	<p>Parochial Church Council, Friends of St. Lawrence – Rev. Christine Smart See Attached Annual Report - Rev. Chrissy Smart gave the annual review of PCC, St. Lawrence.</p>
	<p>With no further items, the Annual PARISH Meeting closed at 8.15pm. Light refreshments were available.</p>

Attachments:

- District Annual Report
- Brundish Village Hall Annual Report
- The Parish Council Chairman’s Annual Report
- Wilby WI Annual Report
- SCC Annual Report
- Parochial Church Council, St. Lawrence Annual Report