

Brundish Annual PARISH Meeting
Wednesday 7th May 2025, 7.30pm
held at Brundish Village Hall

Those Present: Cllr M Hicks (SCC) and Cllr A Linder (District); Rozanne Bryant – Wilby WI; Tim Gillingham – PCC & TW; *Neil Parsons – BVH & BPC Chair; *Carl King – Ed Trust
+ *BPC Councillors: K Clabburn; P Smiddy, G Austin and Clerk: Amanda Austin.

Public Attendance: x2

Cllr Neil Parsons welcomed all present. Two members of the Public were present.	
Agenda Item	
1.	To receive Apologies for absence: None
2.	To accept the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting – held 15th May 2024. Minutes were Accepted by those present and duly Signed by Cllr N Parsons.
3.	To receive Annual Reports from: ...
3.1	Suffolk County Councillor: Cllr Matthew Hicks Cllr MH gave those present a copy of: “SCC – Local Government Reorganisation in Suffolk” handout, dated March 2025 and gave a brief summary of SCC’s “One new Council” proposals. Referring to his 2025 Annual Report – Cllr MH also spoke of the 2025-26 Budget / the demand of SEND places within Suffolk / discussion on National Grid’s plans and investment in Suffolk Library services. See Attached: SCC 2025 Annual Report Cllr NP thanked Cllr M Hicks for his attendance.
3.2	District Councillor: Cllr Anders Linder Reference was made to Cllr AL’s Report - proposals: the Introduction of Mayors in our Region / the new Councils called ‘Unitaries’. Discussion on ‘Government’s New Houses to be built plans’ (see National Planning Policy Framework) – Mid-Suffolk, an increase of 37%. See Attached: District 2025 Annual Report Cllr NP thanked Cllr A Linder for his attendance.
3.3	Brundish Village Hall – Annual Report 2024-25 - c/o Neil Parsons Neil Parsons gave a glowing report on the many changes that have been made, that have contributed to and improved the Village Hall. Emphasis and thanks given to the newly appointed Trustees & Management Team and the income created by the continued use and regular ‘successful events’ held at the hall. See Attached: Brundish Village Hall, Annual Report 2024-25
3.4	The Education Trust – c/o Carl King Brundish has an Education Trust which has been available for many years. Its sole purpose is to “Make awards or grants to young persons engaged in Primary, Secondary or Further Education, <u>resident in the parish of Brundish</u> and are in need of financial assistance.” We have been advertising more this year with posters/leaflet drops & Emails to relevant Schools and this year have supported a number of children with grants for Laptops/School trips/Piano lessons. If you know of anyone that needs educational support and are resident in Brundish, please let them know about The Education Trust – Brundish Contact: Carl King. Cllr NP thanked Carl King for his attendance.

3.5	Brundish Parish Council - Annual Report 2024-25 - c/o Chairman Cllr Neil Parsons Chairman Cllr Neil Parsons opened his talk by wishing to thank both Cllr Matthew Hicks (Suffolk CC) and Cllr Anders Linder (District) for their regular attendance at Brundish PC meetings throughout the year. Cllr NP also thanked the current Brundish PC Committee & Clerk for their continued support throughout the year. Cllr NP spoke of the various 'roles' that BPC undertake to keep the village in order. <i>Re Village Green & Grass Cutting – contact Dennington Clerk to find out about their Grass Cutting Contractor. Action: BPC Clerk</i> See Full Report Attached: Brundish PC – Annual Report 2024-25
3.6	<u>Local Organisations:</u> a) Wilby WI – Annual Report 2024-25 - c/o Rozanne Bryant Wilby WI are a vibrant, active WI Group who meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Wilby Village Hall. The Group take part in a variety of sub-clubs and activities outside of regular WI Meetings and take great interest and support National WI Campaigns. Wilby WI Members are involved and continue to support all our local community groups and associations throughout the year. There are many occasions when WI Monthly Meetings/ Events are open to Brundish & Wilby residents... who are made most welcome! Cllr NP thanked Rozanne Bryant for her attendance. See Full Report Attached: Wilby WI - Annual Report 2024-25
b)	Parochial Church Council – c/o Tim Gillingham Tim opened his talk by apologising that his Report was somewhat 'negative', yet factual explaining financial concerns over the future of The Church of St. Lawrence, Brundish. Tim Gillingham mentioned that there is no longer a Church Warden however, three PCC members now organise The Church of St. Lawrence. See Full Report Attached: PCC - Treasurer's Report Cllr NP thanked Tim Gillingham for his attendance.
c)	Tree Warden – c/o Tim Gillingham Richard Frost from Suffolk Tree Warden Network (STWN – a charitable organisation comprising volunteer Tree Wardens) offered Brundish (via Tim G/Tree Warden) a number of saplings (young trees) and whips (hedgerow plants) to be planted within the village. Advertised in the BrunbyNews, "We managed to allocate all of the plants offered across eleven separate households in Brundish and were planted by 24.3.25". There were additional Trees offered too – all planted in three separate locations. See Full Report Attached: Tree Warden's Report - Tim Gillingham Cllr NP thanked Tim Gillingham for his contribution as Tree Warden and his attendance.

Attachments:

SCC 2025 Annual Report
District 2025 Annual Report
Brundish Village Hall – Annual Report 2024-25
Brundish Parish Council – Annual Report 2024-25
Wilby WI – Annual Report 2024-25
PCC - Treasurer's 2024-25 Report
Tree Warden's Report