



Waldringfield Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17 April 2024

Present: Parish Councillors Kay, Forsdike, Gold, Reid, Quick
Members of the public: 12
Cllr Kay opened the meeting at 19.35pm.

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from SCC Councillor Mulcahy; MP Therese Coffey; WPC Cllrs Shore and Elliot

2. To confirm and sign minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18 April 2023.

Cllr Kay proposed acceptance of the minutes, which was approved by all in attendance.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

There were no matters arising.

4. To receive a brief report from the Chair of the Parish Council, Ian Kay.

Cllr Kay presented a summary to the PC’s annual activities. He outlined the council’s make up and councillor responsibilities and he thanked former members for their service to the Council. He touched on the playing fields (being the Council’s only land asset in the villages) and the refurbishment project Cllr Forsdike is leading to replace the older wooden fort. He provided an update on the progress and plans for Brightwell Lakes development, and a review of the statistics regarding speeding on school road (results of SID).

5. To receive reports from District and County Councillors in attendance

East Suffolk Council Cllr Reeves outlined his responsibilities since being elected in May – He sits on the Licencing Committee, the Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership, is the arms services liaison, and assistant cabinet member for community health. Cllr Nimmney outlined he is community health portfolio holder and sits on the planning committee.

East Suffolk Council Cllr Nimmney discussed his work with integrated health boards and his work with Cllr Reeves with the 8 parishes in the ward, including the new process. He touched on the Local Plan documents that are 4 years old and his wish to have these reviewed, as housing is one of the challenges faced by the Council.

Cllr Kay advised that the Warm Welcome provision would be trialled over the summer – once a month. Cllr Elliot advises more volunteers are needed.

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Cllr Reid advised that the Spring litter pick is on 18 April.

The Chair closed the formal part of the meeting at 20:26pm.

Refreshments were provided by the members of the Village Hall committee (these were gratefully received).

The Sailing Club – J Ogden presented on behalf of the Waldringfield Sailing Club. He outlined the activities of the sailing club, and highlighted 2 events that are run for members of the community – The Regatta Events on 13 July and the Yachtsman’s Service on 14 July 2024.

The History Group – J Ogden presented a short briefing on behalf of the Waldringfield History Group. He outlined the work of the history club highlighting research collected on the work practices of the area, the history of the churches, artists from the area and the wartime experience.

Greener Waldringfield – Sue Quick presented to the group about Greener Waldringfield but discussed the three village groups that have “green” values: the Wildlife Group, the Gardeners Group and Greener Waldringfield:

The Wildlife Group have presented many talks and activities throughout the year and highlighted wildlife activity sessions for youngsters organised with the Suffolk wildlife Trust.

The Gardeners Group have a calendar of events - highlights are the village Open Gardens – this year on 09 June and the Produce Show in August.

Greener Waldringfield hosted Suffolk’s first Green Infrastructure Workshop, sponsored by Greenprint Forum, in August 23. Greener Waldringfield has been working with representatives from Martlesham, Brightwell Foxhall and Purdis Farm, Hemley and Newbourne, together as a Parish Cluster.

Two Repair Cafés per year are run in conjunction with Martlesham Repair Hub. They also work with the Parish Council on the twice annual litter walks.

The Chair closed the meeting at 21:15 pm

The following groups provided a report that was made available at the meeting, and which will be posted on the website: SCC Councillor Mulcahy, the WPC Clerk and RFO Report, the WPC Tree Warden, The Waldringfield Church Field Trust, Waldringfield Fairway Committee, Martlesham PPG, Waldringfield Primary School, the Waldringfield Village Hall Trust and the Waldringfield History Group. Presentations from the Waldringfield Sailing Club and the WPC Chairman are also available.