



# Waldringfield Parish Council

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## Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22 April 2026

**Present:** Parish Councillors Kay, Forsdike, Reid, Elliot, Quick  
ESC Councillor Reeves, SCC Councillor Mulcahy  
Members of the public: 18  
Cllr Kay opened the meeting at 19.35pm.

### **1. To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received MP Jenny Riddell-Carpenter

### **2. To confirm and sign minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17 April 2024.**

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 activities for the past year. He outlined the council's make up and councillor responsibilities and he thanked former members for their service to the Council, welcoming new member Cllr Radcliffe. He also advised of a vacancy on the council.

He reviewed the Council's planning applications dealt with. He touched on the playing field project (being the Council's only land asset in the village) and upgrades undertaken this year. Also advised about the new email addresses and website address. He then provided a review of the statistics for planning application consultations received and an update on the Brightwell Lakes development and A12 upgrades planned.

Questions were raised regarding any cycle route improvements raised from Brightwell Lakes at the traffic lights and the dark sky requirements in terms of developments.

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

The Chair welcomed East Suffolk Councillor Reeves:

Lee outlined the work that both he and Mike undertake in East Suffolk Council, outlining committee membership. Discussed the local government reorganisation work on the Local Plan and the New recycling scheme starting in June. Also highlighted Councillor budget allocated to Waldringfield.

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The Chair welcomed SCC Councillor Patti Mulcahy. Discussed her work on the major projects that were discussed by the Chair (Brightwell Lakes and A12 changes). She discussed Active travel funding and plans for the connection of Martlesham to Ipswich cycle paths/lanes. Also highlighted the Digitisation of PROW routes on the SCC website. Local government elections coming in May.

Jenny Riddell-Carpenter sent a video message which was viewed and addressed points raised in her report.

**The Chair closed the formal part of the meeting at 20:38pm.**

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

**Nell Sully – local resident spoke on NatureScore**

Is launching a concept similar to EPC score – for domestic dwellings. Proposing to continue to develop the programme with participating properties in Waldringfield to create the metrics and programme that will see the development of biodiversity habitats in and around domestic dwellings.

**Sue Quick – Greener Waldringfield**

Talked about the West Deben Action Plan and how residents can participate and contribute to the monitoring. Salt Marsh monitoring has likewise provided an evidence base to target recovery strategies.

**The Chair closed the meeting at 21:25 pm**

The following groups provided a report that was made available at the meeting, and which will be posted on the website: Waldringfield Parish Clerk and RFO; Coffee Mornings; Fairway Committee; MR Jenny Riddell-Carpenter; East Suffolk District Councillors; Waldringfield History Group, Waldringfield Sailing Club; Waldringfield Church Field Trust; Greener Waldringfield.

The following presentations are also available: Nell Sully – Nature Score; Chair, Waldringfield Parish Council; Video address – MP Jenny Riddell-Carpenter.