



## **The Annual Parish Meeting of Waldringfield 14 April 2015**

### **AGENDA**

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To confirm and sign minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8 April 2014
3. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting
4. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council, Ian Kay
5. To receive a report from the Responsible Finance Officer of the Parish Council, David Lines.
6. To receive a report from Councillor Janet Elliot on the Parish Plan
7. To receive a report from Patricia O'Brien, Suffolk County Councillor & Suffolk Coastal District Councillor
8. To receive a report from Veronica Falconer, Suffolk Coastal District Councillor
9. To receive a short presentation by Jon Wilkins of the Waldringfield Flood Defence Group

Closure of the formal part of the meeting

#### **TEA AND COFFEE WILL THEN BE SERVED**

Community Group 'Market Place'

This is an opportunity for residents and visitors to mingle and chat with representatives of a number of our local community groups. Reports from many of these groups may be available on the night, as well as being published on the website in due course.

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### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 8 April 2014**

Present: 28+ Residents, Parish Councillors Kay, Matheson, Archer, Videlo, Reid, Elliot, Winship, Rayner and Gold SCC & SCDC Cllr O'Brien, SCDC Cllr Falconer

- 1 Apologies for absence received from Suffolk Police
- 2 It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9 April 2013. Proposed by Alyson Videlo, seconded by Colin Reid and all agreed.
- 3 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9 April 2013.
- 4 **The Chairman of the Parish Council, Ian Kay**, provided a power point presentation. His report included an introduction to the Parish Councillors and their responsibilities. Dates of future Parish Council Meetings were given and highlighted that they are open to the public, with an opportunity for residents to give information to the Council and ask questions. He went on to say that all information about the Council can be found by following the 'Parish Council' link on the web site at [www.waldringfield.gov.uk](http://www.waldringfield.gov.uk).  
14 Planning applications were received over the year (same as last year), most of which were for domestic properties. Ian provided a timeline on the LDF Core Strategy from January 2012 to date, advising that the Judicial Review was now redundant and that all

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costs were met by NANT, not out of public funds and spoke possible outcomes of an appeal by NANT. Ian also gave a detailed report on the December Tidal Surge and its ramifications. He then touched on repairs to play area equipment, the Quiet Lanes pilot and the Parish newsletter.

5. **The Responsible Finance Officer of the Parish Council**, David Lines, reported the balance of accounts as at 31 March 2014 stands at a total of £10,480 including earmarked reserves amounting to £3,190. Some budget lines were overspent and some underspent, but the Parish Council has remained within budget overall.  
The precept was slightly increased to £11,999 for FY 2014/15. Uncommitted reserves are maintained within the recommended bands of 50% - 75% of core turnover. The budget and expenditure will again be displayed on the Parish Council pages of the Parish web site and updated monthly.
- 6 **Parish Plan Chairman Janet Elliot** outlined the progress to date and advised that the Questionnaire would be distributed in May, after which a Parish Meeting would be held later in the year in anticipation of publication.
- 7 **Suffolk County Council & Suffolk Coastal District Council Cllr Patricia O'Brien** spoke to her report, highlighting the continued pressures on local government, with savings of £38 million required in the coming year. Partnership working is becoming even more important and the County Council continues to treat education as its top priority.
- 8 **Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Veronica Falconer** provided a detailed report and advised of a busy year, highlighting housing gains, budget savings, increased Port Health License fees, recycling achievements and planning activity. She also spoke about the Deben Estuary Plan, Community Resilience Emergency Plans, the new Community Enabling Grant Scheme, Boundary changes and other matters

### BREAK FOR TEA AND COFFEE

- 9 **Sailing Club – Rear Commodore Ian Videlo** briefed the meeting about upcoming open events, opportunities for villagers to be involved, as well as it making it easier for new members to stay involved.
- 10 **Waldringfield Baptist Church – Pastor Steve Wyncoll** announced the presence of 2 full time pastors for the first time in over 100 years and spoke about his colleague, James Wilson. Attendances and activities for young and old are well supported. The strength of support has enabled the broadcast of Sunday Services via the village website, with listeners far and wide. A donation of £13,200 was made to a Rumanian orphanage
- 11 **Emergency Resilience Plan** – Cllr Neil Winship gave an insight to the progress of the Plan, the first draft of which was being circulated. He defined a list of relevant emergencies, including the probability of another tidal surge, along with the likely skills and equipment required to manage them.
- 12 **Fit Village Representative Janet Elliot** reported that two Pilates classes were now being held each week and she announced more sessions in the autumn of the popular Line and Scottish Dancing.
13. **Fairway Committee representative Serena Gold** welcomed Rosa Waller as a new member of the Committee, Tony Lyon as the new Harbourmaster and John Smith as the new Secretary. A new constitution and set of rules have been agreed, moorings remain within 221 and the Trinity House inspection of navigation marks was satisfactory.
- 14 **Head Teacher and School Governors – Sarah Wood** announced a recent Ofsted report, grading the School as **GOOD**, which highlighted the family ethos present in the School. The current roll is 99 pupils, the highest ever recalled. Mrs Seeley's departure, after 26 years' service, was recorded with fondness.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that full reports of all the organisations, presented at the meeting or otherwise will available on the Waldringfield Web Site.

After a vote of thanks to the Village Hall Committee for the provision of refreshments, and a vote of thanks to the Parish Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55 pm.

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