



Waldringfield Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11 April 2022

Present: Parish Councillors Kay, Lyon, Elliott
SCC Councillor Patti Mulcahy
Residents: 12 residents.
Cllr Kay opened the meeting at 19:32pm

1. To receive apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from WPC Councillors Reid Gold and Archer, ESC Cllrs Kerry and Richardson.
2. To confirm and sign minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 05 May 2021
Cllr Lyon proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr Elliot and 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

Cllr Kay began the presentation reviewing the structure of the council including the 8 sitting councillors and the various volunteer wardens. Cllr Kay advised that there is a councillor vacancy to be filled by co-option. Cllr Kay asked anyone interested in vacancy to contact the Clerk.

Cllr Kay reviewed the work of the council. He reviewed the planning application consultations the Council had responded to, outlined the financial support to the community organisations the council has provided and the production of the quarterly newsletter, thanking the 13 residents who volunteer to distribute the newsletter to homes. Cllr Kay provided an overview of the playing fields project and advised the new equipment would break ground next week. He also thanked all the financial contributors who made the project possible.

Cllr Kay reviewed the Jubilee events planned in the village. He advised that on Saturday 04 June, there will be a picnic in the park event - Cllrs Lyon and Cllr Elliott are organising this. The Treebilee is a programme from ESC for the Jubilee where they have provided the village with a new Oak tree to commemorate the jubilee - this has been planted on the playing fields. The unveiling of the tree and the new equipment will be part of the 04 June celebrations and will be undertaken by Jimmy Docherty and a child from the village.

Finally, Cllr Kay reviewed the latest updates on the Brightwell Lakes development, reviewing some of the planning maps and diagrams and timescales to update residents.

5. To receive a brief report from SCC Councillor Patti Mulcahy

Patti Mulcahy – introduced herself as Martlesham Division SCC Councillor. She advised she represents 9 parishes locally. She outlined that initially she has been working through historical highways issues with Parish Councils – including one in Waldringfield that is some 3 years old now. She also sits on the Biodiversity Panel at SCC – whose work looks at ways to maximise biodiversity within the SCC remit – such as verges, farming methods, and even contributing to planning developments to ensure that these all have a focus on biodiversity. She outlined recent successes in resolving long standing flooding issues in Nacton, is now investigating the flooding corner on Woodbridge Road, and advises she will continue to monitor the SCC highways issues associated with Brightwell Lakes to ensure this is completed prior to residence in these new homes. She will also be involved in some of the mitigation issues surrounding the increase in traffic and plant on the roads for large developments such as Sizewell C and Brightwell Lakes. Cllr Mulcahy also highlighted the work of the Suffolk Archives – who have opened a new centre

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in Ipswich called the Hold. It is running tours, holds exhibitions and over the Easter holidays is running craft sessions. She invited interested residents to contact her via the SCC web site or via the Clerk.

The Chair closed the formal part of the meeting at 20:11 pm.

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

The following groups then gave a report: The Tree Warden (report also provided), the Waldringfield History Group (report also provided) and Greener Waldringfield.

The following groups provided a report that was made available at the meeting, and which will be posted on the website: ESC Councillor Mick Richardson; the WPC Clerk and RFO report, Waldringfield Wildlife Group, Waldringfield Primary School and the Waldringfield Tennis Court Trust.

The Chair closed the meeting at 21.25pm.