



Waldringfield Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18 April 2023

Present: Parish Councillors Kay, Elliot, Couchman, Archer.

Members of the public: 9

Cllr Kay opened the meeting at 19.31pm.

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from WPC Councillors Reid, Gold and Shore, ESC Cllrs Kerry and Richardson and SCC Councillor Mulcahy

2. To confirm and sign minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11 April 2022.

C. Fisher Kay 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 presented a summary to the PC's annual activities. Cllr Kay reviewed the structure and members of the Council and their responsibilities. He further thanked C. Lyon and P. Beaumont who had left the Council during the year for their service to the community. Cllr Kay outlined that the WPC dealt with 34 planning applications, produced 4 editions of the Newsletter, put in new play equipment that is both inclusive and for the older children, has refurbished the older equipment, installed the photo post and the warm room and pantry was launched. Cllr Kay also thanked those members of the planning committee for the Jubilee picnic that was held in June last year, and the event for the Coronation was announced.

Cllr Kay also highlighted that Waldringfield was awarded bathing water status with the strong leadership of the Save the Deben campaign. Waldringfield is also being proposed as part of a UNESCO World Heritage Status (East Atlantic Flyway) This is being led by the RSPB.

Cllr Kay reviewed the timescales recently released by the Brightwell Lakes builders (Taylor Wimpey). 2044 is the final completion date.

5. To receive a brief report from District Councillors

Cllr Richardson sent his apologies, but provided a written report

The Chair closed the formal part of the meeting at 19:57 pm.

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

The Village Hall Trust – The WVH made a brief presentation regarding improvements it is considering including lighting upgrades and installation of stage lighting; solar panels and storage batteries. As part of Grant funding applications, the WVHT is seeking letters of support from the community to include with the applications. Please send these to P. Hall c/o WVHT.

The following groups then delivered a reports: The Waldringfield Wildlife Group, The Waldringfield Village Hall Trust, The Martlesham PPG; and the Tree Warden

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 Fairway Committee, Waldringfield Wildlife Group, Waldringfield Primary School, the Waldringfield Tennis Court Trust and the Waldringfield History Group

The Chair closed the meeting at 21:37 pm