

## Stansfield Parish Council

# DRAFT: Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

30 May 2023 Stansfield Village Hall 7 pm

**Present:** Eight electors, of whom four were parish councillors, and Cllr Bobby Bennett, Suffolk County Council.

**Chair:** Rex Barnes, Chair of Stansfield Parish Council.

As there was no clerk present Cllr. Pat Barnes took the meeting notes.

### 1. Apologies :

Cllr. Sarah Pugh, West Suffolk Council; Stansfield Parish Cllrs: Keith Spillett, Justin Ball and Andrew Pallett: Locum Clerk, David Lines.

The Chairman welcomed Bobby Bennett and the electors to the meeting, and encouraged contributions to discussion by all present. It was decided he should send a letter to Cllr Sarah Pugh wishing her well after her road accident.

### 2. Annual Reports

a) A report was presented by the representative councillor on Suffolk County Council which will be placed on the website alongside the minutes of this meeting. Cllr Bennett explained how our Council Taxes were used and said she was pleased to report that our roads were now in much better condition than previously. She advocated the use of the Highways Reporting Tool to report any problems. The SCC Highways team who had dealt with a fallen tree outside the Village Hall earlier that afternoon were praised for their efficient, prompt and courteous work.

A report is expected from our West Suffolk Council representative which will be included on the website.

b) A report on the past years' many events and activities, in what was described as a more normal and goodyear following the end of Covid restrictions, was presented by the Chairman of Stansfield Village Hall Committee and is included on the website.

### 3. Minutes of Parish Meetings in 2022.

i) Annual Parish Meeting on 16 May 2022. These minutes were voted and signed as correct. A statement by a resident about the Housing Needs Survey which was requested to be included with these minutes will be placed on the website.

ii) Parish Meeting on 18 July 2022. These minutes were voted and signed as correct with the inclusion of the following sentence: *"A resident said that accurate and informative minutes are important as some residents rely on them to keep abreast of village and Parish Council affairs, especially those who cannot or do not attend meetings."*

iii) Parish Meeting 14 November 2022. Two choices were given for the minutes of this meeting. Those minutes as currently on the website; and secondly those written by the elector who had at the meeting been voted to write the minutes. The vote was for the latter, and so those were signed.

### 4. Chairman's Report

As Cllr Barnes had been in the role for less than two weeks, he could not make a full report, except to say that the Parish Council now had a full complement of seven members and would be working hard for the village and the residents in the coming year. The previous Chair of the Parish Council had given a report on the past year's activities at the PC meeting on 17 May.



