

STANSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
16th May 2022

PRESENT: Parish councillors Sarah Hopkins (Chairman), Robert Dennis, Ed Cardozo and Julie Ghirardani

Also present: Sally Allen and 6 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Bobby Bennett and District Councillor Sarah Pugh sent their apologies, along with Councillor Fay Gridley, Mandy Mertons, Martin Slater and Derek Adams.

The meeting was chaired by Sarah Hopkins from the Parish Council.

1. Approval of the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th May 2021 were not approved as a resident advised items were missing. Resident to email Clerk with details so they may be amended. Clerk will confirm with SALC when they may be signed.

2. West Suffolk Councillors reports from County Councillor Bobby Bennett and District Councillor Sarah Pugh The full report is available on Stansfield Parish Council's website at <http://stansfield.onesuffolk.net/meetings/annual-parish-meeting/annual-parish-meeting-2022/>

3. Village Hall Report by Derek Adams

The full report is available on Stansfield Parish Council's website as detailed above.

4. Chairman's Report by Sarah Hopkins

The full report is available on Stansfield Parish Council's website as detailed above.

5. Financial Report 2021/22

The full report is available on Stansfield Parish Council website at <http://stansfield.onesuffolk.net/finance/financial-information-2021-2022/>

6. Village issues

Thurston Lane/Plough Hill junction – a few reports of near misses, a resident suggested signage to alert drivers of the approaching junction.

7. Any other issues or concerns which residents would like to bring to the attention of the Council

- a. Residents raised the issue of the Housing Needs Survey and that it is taking so long. It was also made aware they feel more details should be shared regarding the survey. Residents were advised details have been shared that were able to be so far and it is still under discussion. Residents advised they felt the HNS agreement should not have been signed. Councillors advised at the time of doing the survey, CAS were the only ones doing them. T
- b. The question was raised if a Neighbourhood grant fund would cover reissuing the survey as the funds are not available from the Parish Councils bank.
- c. A Neighbourhood Plan for Stansfield was suggested instead of a Housing Needs Survey. The reasons given were
 - i. This would collect residents' views on a much broader range of topics that the Parish Council could then consider working on and
 - ii. It could attract grant funding of £10,000 rather than the PC having to pay from parish coffers/rates.
- d. Also raised was the suggestion of a committee to discuss village issues, a resident will email the suggestion to the clerk.
- e. A resident asked if there had been an update on the roadshow which will be visiting villages, clerk will chase this up with District Councillor Sarah Pugh.
- f. The suggestion of an extraordinary Parish Meeting at the next Parish Council meeting was raised by a resident.
- g. There was a considerable amount of discussion about pro-active engagement with the community. Currently, as well as public sessions in council meetings, it was stated that this occurs on an adhoc basis when councillors are out and about in the village. Proposals for a more planned, regular and pro-active approach towards gaining residents' views had been put forward to the PC via the Community Engagement Policy issue. A committee to progress this was to be proposed to the PC.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed

Dated.....

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