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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH  
COUNCIL ON 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023  
Held at The Memorial Hall, Cavendish commencing 7.30pm

Present: Parish Councillors Halliday, Welch, Gittins, and Dawkins  
County Councillor Bobby Bennett  
District Councillors Marion Rushbrook and Nick Clarke  
Parish Clerk, Chris Turner.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Apologies for absence-Parish Councillors Freeman, Williamott and Vosper. District Cllr Karen Richardson

Malcolm Halliday welcomed those present before commencing the meeting.

Malcolm Halliday was willing to carry on as Chair for another year and he was re-appointed unanimously.

A Vice Chair was not appointed as the previous incumbent was absent

Councillor responsibilities were discussed. As there were only 4 out of the 7 Councillors present it was decided that the only committee that could be appointed was the Planning Committee which will remain as Cllrs Halliday and Gittins. The following have been deferred to our next meeting in July:

Finance Committee - Emergency Plan-Highways – Allotments – Footpaths – Cemetery - Play area-Memorial Hall - Village Pond

The meeting was then open for comments by the parishioners:

Comment was made about the poor state of the churchyard. The grass was uncut and very untidy. This is the responsibility of the District Council who took-over from ourselves many years ago, when the churchyard was closed to new burials. Cllr Rushbrook requires an e mail so she can follow it up. The cemetery is also uncut and untidy. The Parish Council is responsible for that, and we have appointed West Suffolk DC to carry out grass cutting and maintenance, under a contract. They have cut it twice this year whereas the contract is to cut it every 2 weeks. An e mail has been

sent. Various large signs appear on grassed areas within the village advertising events. On areas that are covered by the Parish Council the people responsible need our permission. Only events in the village are acceptable by us. However, there are many areas we don't have responsibility for, such as The Columbines so little we can do on those areas except suggest the parishioners contact W Suffolk DC to see whether the signs are allowed.

Report/Comments by DC Nick Clarke - Nick has now been made the leader of the Conservative Group on West Suffolk Council. The recent elections changed the make-up of the District Council with 26 Conservatives, 17 Labour, 19 Independents and 2 others. There is to be a meeting to discuss what parties will be running the Council. We discussed with Nick a planning application that we had objected to but which he had supported and asked the reason for this. After some discussion it appears he had got the properties mixed up. This has caused some ill feeling from our parishioners which could have been avoided.

Report by Bobby Bennett-Bobby had sent a report (which is with the minutes). She mentioned the library service had asked for extra funds and wanted to make some changes to the service. This has been turned down by the CC. We discussed the new Speed Indicator sign, and suggested we needed to pay for its removal and would save a considerable amount of wasted time.

The Parish Council meeting was then opened:

1. Minutes of our previous meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March were accepted as in order by all Councillors. Chair signed the minutes.

2. Update on previous meeting issues - None

3. Finance-

- a) Draft accounts covering period of March and April had been circulated and all in order
- b) Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March showed the balances on our accounts were approx. £100 higher this year compared to last.
- c) Update on Agar -This has yet to be finalised.

5. Councillors Reports- Cllr Welch told us that the Winter Warmers event had been so successful that parishioners would like it to carry on, perhaps with a change of name. It will carry on as a social event 2 hours a week on Wednesday afternoons between 2 and 4. Both Cllrs Williamson and Welch are happy to run the event with other supporters.

We are still waiting for the floor in the hall kitchen to be finished. Decoration will go ahead on the main hall in August and our electrician will be tidying up the wiring.

The toilets in the hall have been rearranged to allow access by wheelchair. The men's urinal stays with entry from the hall, whilst entry to the other half is via the Garrett room and that is a mixed female/male disabled toilet.

The Waver requires attention with it looking blocked. We need access to a manhole.

An e mail had been received about a 20mph scheme in villages. This is deferred till our next meeting

6. Report by Chair- This will be made at the APM on Wednesday evening.

7. Coffee Caravan funding. Agreed we would donate £100

8. We have had an offer of an additional defibrillator. The best place would be on the wall of the Sue Ryder Charity shop. Clerk to investigate.

Next PC meeting 12<sup>th</sup> July

Payments for the 2 months to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

<b>BANK ACCOUNT PAYMENTS</b>			
	TO WHOM	Chq No.	AMT
05/03/23	J Murcott Hall Cleaning Feb	3155	101.16
ditto	A Williamott re Xmas tree/Warm Weds	3156	262.75
ditto	M Halliday re Hall screen etc	3157	186.96
08/03/23	Zurich Ins re Council Ann Ins	3158	2190.07
ditto	SALC re Payroll	3159	54.00
ditto	Computer Ink	3160	78.27
16/03/23	D Kirkman Inv 70/71	3161	249.00
ditto	Wave re Allots	3162	75.49
ditto	ditto re Hall	3163	420.15
20/03/23	Coronation Mugs	3164	558.28
21/03/23	B Gas re Hall	d/d	500.22
22/03/23	VOID CHEQUE	3165	0.00
ditto	C Turner- Wages Mar 23	3166	538.92
23/03/23	D Kirkman Inv 72/73	3167	223.00
28/03/23	Chubb F&S re Hall	d/d	19.74
30/03/23	Dyno Rod re Hall toilet	3168	576.00
ditto	HMRC re PAYE	3168	384.60
ditto	J Murcott Hall Cleaning Mar	3170	102.68
05/04/23	D Kirkman Inv 74-75	3171	249.00
14/04/23	D Elliot re Orchard costs	3172	29.07
ditto	SALC Annual Sub	3173	394.46
17/04/23	W Suffolk DC re bins	d/d	53.72
ditto	ditto	d/d	35.78
ditto	ditto	d/d	26.86
24/04/23	D Kirkman Inv76/77	3174	197.00
ditto	MJ Maynard re Electrics	3175	4783.20
ditto	B Gas re Mem Hall Elec	d/d	524.27
ditto	C Turner-Wages 23/24	3176	538.92
26/04/23	Chubb F&S re Hall	d/d	19.74
29/04/23	Warm Wednesday Exps	3177	144.00

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### **Suffolk County Council Report for Clare Division Annual Summary 2023**

We spend 75p of every £1 we receive supporting those that need it most. This includes older people, children and those who are the most vulnerable in Suffolk and we provide these important public services for 365 days of the year.

The remaining 25p in every pound pays for other vital services including Suffolk Fire and Rescue, Road Maintenance, Footpaths, Public Transport, Waste Services, Libraries, Culture, Leisure, trading standards, Community Safety, Biodiversity and tackling climate change.

Your council tax means we can make a positive difference in your community and continue to provide services that you can rely on.

Our ambitions for Suffolk are split into 4 priorities which are:

- Looking After our Health and Wellbeing
- Strengthening our Local Economy
- Protecting and enhancing our environment
- Providing value for money for our Residents

Within the Division I attend as many meetings as I am able to and please do ask if you need me to attend to discuss a particular issue.

I have a locality budget which I can award to causes that meet our priorities each year. Last year I supported numerous projects including supporting parishes to enhance their environments such as tree planting or sign renovation, helping parishes host community events, supporting parishes to purchase Speed Activated signs and I awarded some money to Clare Library to make some minor improvements. I have also supported with funding to the Citizens Advice in West Suffolk and the Rural Coffee Caravan to support residents of Clare Division. I can make awards for this year from 5th May 2023 so please let me know if you have any projects that I might be able to help with, I would love to hear from you. Through my Highways Locality Budget I have funded a number of speed surveys to investigate what can be done to address some of the areas where speeding is an issue.

Highways concerns continue to take up much of the conversation at parish council meetings. Please can all issues be reported on the highways reporting tool [Suffolk County Council - ReportIT](#) and please continue to email me with items that need following up on. I have held a number of positive meetings in parishes with the highways engineer to discuss specific issues and would be happy to arrange a meeting if it would be useful to you.

At the County Council I continue to be the Cabinet Member for Equality and Communities and my priorities this year have been the Ukraine refugee response and playing our part within the Suffolk system to support residents with the cost of living. My other responsibilities include Arts and Heritage, Citizens' Advice, Community Safety (including Domestic Abuse, PREVENT and Violence Against Women and Girls), Coroner Services, Customer Services, Equality, Gypsy and Traveller Services, Human Resources, Libraries, Registrars, Safer and Stronger Communities and The Voluntary Sector

Please get in touch with me via email or telephone if you need my help on a Suffolk County Council Issue.