

Minutes of Westhall's Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 22nd May 2023 at 7.30 in the Racehorse, Westhall (prior to AGM)

Attendees: Parish Councillors – Mr Shaun Darch, Mr P Langford, Mr Charles Baker, Mrs M Rogers, Mr J Lickman and Mrs A Donnachie (Clerk/RFO)
Suffolk County Councillor Annette Dunning, East Suffolk District Councillors Beth-Keys-Holloway and Geoff Wakeling, Members of the Public.

1. Parish Council Chairman's report on the year: The previous Chairman Mr Chris Punt was unable to attend but delivered his report on the year's events and successes, reproduced here:

Firstly I wish to thank the Clerk and Councillors past and present, for your help, support and friendship during the Parish Council Year, which commenced on 9th May 2022 with last year's Parish AGM, where you elected me to be your Chairman for the year.

During our Parish year we have had regular visits and reports from our East Suffolk and Suffolk County Councillors to keep us informed of what they are doing for us and I thank them for their time.

Regular Business...

Planning permissions – we had discussion, debate and decisions made on applications at Fox Covert Farm – which was disappointingly a Retrospective application, Burketts Farm and Hill Farm.

Maintenance of our assets with inspection's, works and purchases to our defibrillator, notice boards, dog and grit bins and allotments. On the Charitable Recreation Grounds Assets we have maintained the Recreation Ground, thank you to Shaun, hedge planting and plan to fence and gate the lands from the village hall car park to protect the grounds in wet weather.

Community Rest Centre was inspected and refreshed where necessary.

Pothole's, parking around the Hares Lane Junction and flooding around the village were also topical during the year, with use being made of the Suffolk County Council Highways web page to identify the issue and get repaired.

The Annual Internal Audit, Accountability and Governance Review, was successfully signed off by our newly appointed internal auditor, Tony Brown who was doing the job for the first time. This Work was all completed on time. Budgeting, Costs, Annual Precept and Accounts review work was diligently carried out on time.

We would like to thank our Suffolk County Councillor Annette Dunning and East Suffolk District Councillor Tony Goldson for their kind donations towards our Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Projects....

The Quiet Lanes signs were installed, thank you Peter and uprooted signs re-set and some moved. Fox Covert Farm noise, smell and fly issues from the site have become a regular topic on every Parish Council Agenda since July 2022. Through noise abatement notice, residents concerns and complaints, remedial works. The Parish Council has attempted to represent and support the Cox Common residents to the best of the limited powers that we have, interfacing and expediting with East Suffolk District Council – Environmental Health and Crown the operators.

Going Forward.. Fox Covert I am sure will still be on the agenda, Village Hall Car Park maintenance, De-fib refresh training and parking issues also.

I wish you all the Very Best for the coming year and happy to work with you as Chairman of the Westhall Community Pub

And finally, Parish Clerk, Councillors thank you for all That you do for the Parish in which we all live and Happy New Parish Year

Regards Chris

2. Comments from members of the public – None

3. Any other business - None

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