

**Minutes of the Withersfield Annual Parish Meeting held at 7:00pm on
Tuesday, 10th May 2022 at the village hall, Withersfield.**

Present: Cllrs Terry Rich (Chairman);
Frank Eve, Julia Korona, Indunil Wijenayaka;
Clerk: Laura Crump; District Cllr: Peter Stevens.

- 1. Report from Chair of Parish Council, Cllr Terry Rich**
- 2. Report from Chair of Traffic Working Party, Cllr Frank Eve**
- 3. Report from County Councillor, Cllr Bobby Bennett**
- 4. Report from District Councillor, Peter Stevens**

All reports were shared and discussed among the PC. Copies can be found on the Parish Council website.

No parishioners attended the meeting.

5. Reports requested from:

i. Chair of Village Hall Management Committee, Tom Mytton-Mills

The secretary of the VHMC, explained that their year end was 30th April and therefore the 2021-22 annual report would not be ready until mid-July. The 2020-21 annual report was shared and can be found on the Parish Council website.

ii. Chair of Sports and Recreation Committee, Denis Elavia

None received.

iii. Speed-Watch, Chris Oaks

Speedwatch Sessions

The objective was to hold monitoring sessions at 7.30 to 9.00am during one week for each of the months of April to October inclusive (ie a potential of 35 sessions). Due to lack of number of active volunteers and Covid-related constraints 14 sessions were achieved.

The data collected was submitted to Community Speedwatch – Suffolk (CSW) but no feedback was received despite requests being made. It would be motivational for the Speedwatch team if CSW could provide information on how the data submitted has been used and how many motorists have been cautioned. It would seem that this level of analysis cannot be provided.

Operation of the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)

The VAS was set out on 7 occasions during the months of January to November in a variety of locations. The results continue to show that in the Queen Street/Church Road area high volumes of traffic is the issue and, in the Rose Hill/Thurlow Road part of the village high vehicle speed is the issue. A summary of the results was posted on the Withersfield Facebook page on 2 occasions which resulted in some helpful comments and observations from residents.

Support of the Traffic Working Party

Information collected by the Speedwatch sessions and the VAS were fed into the TWP and helped to build up a case in support of the 40 mph buffer zones and the 20 mph zone proposal (see full report on this submitted by Cllr Frank Eve).

iv. Parish Tree Warden, Alexander Talbot

None received.

v. Suffolk Police

The PCC's most recent Annual Report for 2020-21 can be found at:

<https://suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PCC-annual-report-20-21.pdf>

The PCC presents his Annual Report to the Police and Crime Panel every October. The 2001-22 Annual Report will be available on the website in October 2022.

The meeting closed at 19:30.