

**Minutes of the Withersfield Annual Parish Meeting held at 7:00pm on  
Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in the village hall, Withersfield.**

Present: Cllrs Terry Rich (Chairman), Frank Eve (Vice-Chair), Sheila Horton, Gill Jarvis,  
Julia Korona, Indunil Wijenayaka; Clerk: Laura Crump; District Cllr: Indunil Wijenayaka;  
County Cllr: Bobby Bennett; and 6 parishioners.

- 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, Cllr Indy Wijenayaka**

All reports were shared and discussed among the PC. Parishioners were welcomed to ask any questions. Copies of the reports can be found on the Parish Council website.

- 5. Requested reports:**
  - i. Secretary of Village Hall Management Committee, Stephanie Watson**

The VHMC AGM is being held in July, therefore the 2021-22 report was shared along with the VHMC January meeting minutes.

Cllr Horton reported that the extension is ongoing, works are yet to begin but she had secured a successful bid for the works. In the last year the village hall had been decorated, the kitchen has been refurbished, and Wi-Fi installed. They may be replacing the wooden windows next. The committee has held multiple events which support the village church. The recent coronation event had been a success and there is a village fete coming up soon. At the AGM in July, a new Chair will be elected. The annual report can be found on the Parish Council website.

- ii. Chair of Sports and Recreation Committee, Denis Elavia**

Denis Elavia reported that the ground is looking in good condition now after a difficult start due to the very wet April when early games had to be postponed. Following a lot of work recently it will now be used once again by Wrattling Lions midweek and also Haverhill 3rd XI on some Saturdays. A new porta loo has been hired for the season which was needed after complaints from visiting teams due to the very poor condition of the existing facilities.

- iii. Speed Watch, Chris Oaks**

Chris Oaks sent the following report:

No speed-watch sessions were held during the last 12 months.

The Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) was in place for 5 x 6 week periods of recording. On all occasions the results recorded corroborated the data

collected over the previous 7 years showing that in Queen Street/Church Road (setting aside the pandemic) the volume of traffic continues to increase and in the Rose Hill/top of Turnpike Hill area speeds consistently exceed the 30 mph speed limit, frequently 40-50 mph and on occasions 60 mph and above.

**iv. Parish Tree Warden, Alexander Talbot**

None received.

**v. Suffolk Police**

The PCC's most recent Annual Report for 2021-22 can be found at:

<https://suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/annual-report-21-22.pdf>

The PCC presents his Annual Report to the Police and Crime Panel every October. The 2022-23 Annual Report will be available on the website in October 2023.

*The meeting closed at 19:30.*