



# Earl Stonham Annual Parish Meeting

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Village Hall at 7pm on Monday,  
15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## PRESENT:

Cllr M Gillett – Chairman  
15 members of the public, Parish Council Representatives and Village Group Representatives

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs J Blackburn (Clerk) and County Cllr Hicks

## ES01/23/24 - CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman of Earl Stonham Parish Council, Cllr Mark Gillett, welcomed those present.

## ES02/23/24 - APOLOGIES

None had been received.

## ES03/23/24 - MINUTES 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting, held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022, were approved as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

## ES04/23/24 – REPORTS RELATING TO THE PARISH

Representatives of the following organisations were invited to speak, answer any questions and, where received, their reports would be attached to the Minutes.

- a) **Earl Stonham Parish Council** – *Cllr Mark Gillett*  
(Full Report attached to these Minutes)

Cllr Gillett mentioned the below issues:-

- Streetlights – funding received – awaiting new contractor following Tender process
- Speeding continues to be a concern – Traffic Survey carried out
- Solar Farm and Pylon proposals – public meeting
- Successful Coronation weekend

- b) **Suffolk County Council** – *Cllr Matthew Hicks*  
(Full report attached to these Minutes)

- A resident thanked Cllr Hicks for the works carried out to install fibre optics along Blacksmiths Lane

- c) **Mid-Suffolk District Council** – *Cllr Nick Hardingham*  
(Full report attached to these Minutes)

Cllr Hardingham was not present at the meeting and a report had not been received.

d) **Report of the Police** – *Stefan Henriksen*

Stefan reported that a new Police Station was to be built in Stowmarket near to the PPG Site. The Mobile Camera Team had taken on extra members of staff so more speed monitoring should be carried out.

d) **Report of the Church** – *Reverend Philip Payne*

Reverend Payne was not present at the meeting but Henry Stanford would report on the Church as part of his Parochial Church Council (PCC) report.

e) **Village Hall Management Committee** – *Tony Turner*

(Full report attached to these Minutes)

Tony reported that the back garden area of the village hall was due to be made larger and would be a space for all the village to use.

f) **WI** – *Lindsey Stone*

(Full report attached to these Minutes)

Lindsey briefly went through the WI report.

g) **Earl Stonham Trustees** – *Jennie Griffiths*

(Full report attached to these Minutes)

Jennie reported that the Trustees would be taking over the Bowls Club.

h) **Cricket Club** – *Simon Edgar*

Simon Edgar was not present at the meeting but his reported had been circulated.

i) **Over 60's Club** – *Joan Rice*

(Full report attached to these Minutes)

Joan Rice was not present at the meeting and a report had not been submitted.

j) **Parochial Church Council** – *Cllr H Stanford*

(Full report attached to these Minutes)

Cllr Stanford briefly went through his report. He added that the Parish Room had recently been painted and was available to hire for £6 per hour.

k) **Website** – Mark Gillett

(Full report attached to these Minutes)

Cllr Gillett reported that the website usage had dropped over the past year.

## **ES05/23/24 - PUBLIC FORUM**

The proposed solar farm was raised with notification of a webinar and public meeting to be held in due course.

## **Refreshments**

## **ES06/23/24 – Guest Speaker – Mr Tony Turner – History of the Village Hall**

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman ..... Date .....

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