

DRAFT MINUTES OF SAXTEAD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**7.00pm Wednesday 5th May 2021
MEETING HELD ONLINE**

1. Chairman's welcome

Mr George Cullingford, as Chair of Saxtead Parish Council, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He remarked that he recently found papers showing that he had dropped invitations off for the 1982 Annual Parish Meeting to every house in the village and resident attendance was much larger then. He was also on the Parish Council before this date!

Present

George Cullingford Graham Ward Lisa Handley Jonathan Sullivan
David Johnson Simon Hordern Lydia Kirk (minute taker) 2 East Suffolk Council
Community Partnership representatives

- 2. Apologies for absence were received from Ward Councillor Maurice Cook.**
- 3. The Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 14th May 2020 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting & signed by the Clerk pp the Chairman.**
- 4. There were no matters arising.**
- 5. George Cullingford provided a written report for Saxtead Parish Council, including a precis on planning applications and updates on current projects, progress on which has been affected by Covid-19.**
- 6. A short written report regarding the Townlands Trust's finances was provided.**
- 7. A Report from the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was provided by Mr Graham Ward.** Sadly, scams and hoaxes are on the rise locally, including fake text messages from Royal Mail. There have also been more farm thefts and thefts of dogs. Mr Ward informed the meeting that he would be moving away from Saxtead later this year and that a new Neighbourhood Watch coordinator would be needed. *Mr Cullingford thanked him for all his help over the years and said that he would be missed.*
- 8. There were no reports from other village organisations.**
Copies of the written reports have been filed and also posted on the village website.
- 9. There were no questions on the items above.**
- 10. Nicola Jenner, ESC's Community Partnership Officer for Saxtead gave a presentation.** She explained her role and the ways she can help the community, including with accessing local grants, helping with anti-social behavior including problems with neighbours. She explained the Community Partnership programme, which has allocated some funding to local youth programmes including FAYAP, and advised that more funding will be available in this financial year. Questions were then asked about funding and youth employment opportunities.
- 11. There was no other business.**

Mr Cullingford thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was closed at 19.37pm.