

DRAFT MINUTES OF SAXTEAD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.00pm Thursday 12th May 2022

Dennington Village Hall

1. Chairman's welcome

Mr George Cullingford, as Chair of Saxtead Parish Council, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Present

George Cullingford Lisa Handley Jonathan Sullivan Simon Hordern
Paul Johnson David Johnson Liz Wale Christina Darell-Brown
Sandra Hartley Lydia Kirk (minute taker) County Cllr. Burroughes

2. There were no apologies for absence.

3. The Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 5th May 2021 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting & signed by the Chairman.

4. There were no matters arising.

5. George Cullingford provided a written report for Saxtead Parish Council, including a precis of planning applications and updates on current projects, as well as changes to Councillors. He thanked various individuals for their help with initiatives and projects in the village. *The full report will be filed with the minutes and can be found on the village website.*

6. A short written report regarding the Townlands Trust's finances was provided. The trust received £2,908 income and £969 was given to the church

7. A Report from the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was provided by Jonathan Sullivan as the acting coordinator. Mr Sullivan regenerated the local scheme in March and has begun collating a new list of participants, who he regularly sends news of relevance to. He advised that recently there has been a spate of thefts from sheds. He finished his report by urging anyone who is interested in taking over the scheme to make contact. *The full report will be filed with the minutes and can be found on the village website.*

8. There were no reports from other village organisations.

9. Questions on the above

A member of public asked what the Townlands Trust is and GC provided a short history of the Trust and how it obtained its assets. He explained that 1/3 of the annual income goes to the church maintenance fund. It was noted that there no applications for welfare grants over the year and questions were asked about how the fund is advertised and its eligibility criteria as it is likely some people in the village would benefit from this. **ACTION** Clerk to contact Trust in this regard and report back. Also to ask if a Trustee would come to a future Parish Council meeting to tell Councillors more about the Trust.

Another resident also remarked that they hadn't received a paper invitation to the Annual Meeting and were surprised by the low attendance. GC responded that paper invitations have not been sent for many years. The clerk also responded that the Parish Council is collating a mailing list to contact residents and this can be used to inform residents of future meetings.

10. There was no further business.

Mr Cullingford thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was closed at 19.30pm.