

DRAFT MINUTES OF SAXTEAD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.00pm Thursday 18th May 2023
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 Jonathan Sullivan Simon Hordern Liz Wale
Tracey Colchester Christina Darell-Brown Sarah Rimmer
District Cllr. Owen Grey Lydia Kirk (minute taker)

2. Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr. Burroughes, Lisa Handley, Penny & Neil Akerman, Evelyn Sullivan and Paul Wale.

3. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 12th May 2022 were Noted.

4. There were no matters arising.

5. George Cullingford provided a written report for Saxtead Parish Council, including an update regarding current projects, a precis of planning applications and changes to Parish Councillors. He thanked Councillors for their contributions and gave special thanks to Jonathan Sullivan and Lisa Handley who were not re-standing after many years on the Parish Council. *The full report will be filed with the minutes and can be found on the village website.*

6. There was no report from the Townlands Trust.

7. A written report from the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was provided by Paul Wale. Mr Wale took over the scheme in September and several new members joined as a result of the residents' survey. *The full report will be filed with the minutes and can be found on the village website.* A resident asked what area the scheme covered and if crimes occurring in neighbouring parishes could also be reported on. Liz Wale confirmed that she would ask the coordinator this.

8. Reports from other Village Groups

Liz Wale confirmed that the recently established walking group is going well and sometimes has 10 participants. Simon Hordern reported that word of mouth is spreading regarding the Green Saxtead group. They have a meeting on 25th May with a representative from Suffolk Wildlife Trust who will be surveying the pond on Little Green. A resident asked if people who expressed an interest in joining the group via the residents' survey have been contacted and Simon confirmed that they had.

District. Cllr. Grey introduced himself and gave more information on his interests and work experience. He is looking forward to working with Parish Councils in his ward and encouraged people to get in contact if they have any issues.

County Cllr. Burroughes' report will be published on the website

9. There were no other questions on the above

10. There was no further business.

Mr Cullingford thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was closed at 7.35pm.