

HONINGTON & SAPISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Honington & Sapiston held on Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7pm in Honington & Sapiston Village Hall.

In attendance: - Parish Councillors Rob Williams, Stephen Read, Robin Howe, David Plampin, Debbie Cram, Mark Jacklin, West Suffolk Councilor Andrew Smith, Suffolk County Councilor Joanna Spicer, Sqn Ldr Mark Fixter and 3 members of the public.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION & RESULTS
1. Welcome and Apologies	All those present were welcomed to the Annual Parish Meeting. Apologies were received from Ian Patterson-Parker and PC Lee Andrews-Pearce.	
2. Minutes of the APM of 2022 held on May 9 th 2022.	The minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record and were signed by Councillor RW.	
3. Matters Arising	No matters were outstanding.	
4. Chairman's Report	A copy of the report presented to Councillors is included with the minutes. Questions were invited.	
5. Police Report	Apologies were received from PC Lee Andrews-Pearce. No incidents have been reported as of 11 th May since our last meeting in March.	Councillor RW will contact PC Andrews-Pearce as the PC would like advice on recent Anti-Social matters. We would also like to chase the leaflets and UV pens as promised earlier in the year.
6. RAF Report	Sqn Ldr Mark Fixter confirmed that CDO Indi Saunders has now left the area. Parish Councillors were sad to learn this and gave thanks for all the time and support Indi had given in keeping Councillors connected to the RAF community. Sqn Ldr Fixter informed all those present about some of the activities taking place at the base. There will be more glider activity in the skies as they return to pre-pandemic levels and further details will be given	

	<p>about the Families Day planned for July 27th at a later date. Thanks were given for the support in installing a VAS outside the RAF gates and for the grant provided for the start-up costs towards the Community Larder. Sqn Ldr Mark Fixter was thanked for his time.</p>	<p>Councillor RW will liaise with Mark re: families day plans.</p> <p>VAS installation date is set for 18th May 2023.</p>
7. West Suffolk Councillor's Report – Andrew Smith	<p>West Suffolk Councillor Smith was congratulated on being re-elected. After the recent elections, there is no majority party at West Suffolk Council therefore all Councillors are working together to take West Suffolk Council forward. WSC AS has agreed to liaise with Ben Smith into the electoral arrangements for Honington Station/Village after the PC expressed disappointment that our proposals as discussed in 2016 were not adopted. Questions were invited and Councillor RH asked about WSC AS role on the planning committee. This will be confirmed once decisions have been made.</p>	
8. Suffolk County Councillor's Report	<p>The report presented to the APM by SCC JS is included with the minutes. SCC JS paid tribute to the huge contribution made by Councillor Trevor Jay to this community and expressed her sadness at his recent passing. Thanks were also expressed for CDO Indi Saunders for her tireless work in supporting good relations between the RAF and the Villages. Questions were invited.</p>	
9. Accounts	<p>The Clerk distributed copies of the accounts for 2022-23 and</p>	

	gave a brief summary. Questions were invited.	
10. Matters to Report		
10.1. Village Hall	A copy of the report presented by Mrs Linda Howe is included in the minutes.	
10.2. Honington Fuel Allotment Charity	The Annual Report is included with the minutes after it was presented by Mrs Linda Howe.	
10.3. Blackbourne Tree Group	Mark Jacklin spoke on behalf of the Tree Group and informed those present that 78 trees have been planted this calendar year. It was disappointing that the group have experienced some Vandalism to some trees and their equipment over recent weeks and months and the group are willing to work with others to try to resolve this.	
10.4. BFER Project	James Pickerin as part of the Brecks Project provided information on forthcoming events in the Sapiston Area. These include walking trails. It is hoped permanent information boards can advertise the trails. Training courses are available if anyone should wish to become a leader of a walk. James hopes to attend our next meeting to give further details. Whilst support and interest was expressed, consideration to parking especially at the Village Hall would need to be addressed.	
10.5. Village Sign	It is hoped that once the new village sign is received and unveiled, the original sign will be relocated to the entrance of the village after discussion with Euston Estates.	To liaise with AB at Euston Estates.
10.6. Speeding and Signs	Concerns were raised by Mrs Poole about the speed of vehicles travelling along the	

	<p>Troston Road. She asked why the VAS had not been located in the area recently. RW explained that the VAS has been with the manufacturers to be repaired and we are awaiting a date for its return. It will then be moved to the locations in the villages where the poles are situated.</p> <p>Mrs Poole was frustrated that despite reporting missing direction signs to Honington, these have been missed by SCC.</p>	<p>VAS is due to be re-instated on May 18th.</p> <p>The Clerk will request a police speed camera presence along the Troston Road.</p> <p>SCC will be contacted through the Website and SCC JS. Clerk to confirm location.</p>

The next APM will be held on **Monday 13th May 2024** at 7pm in Honington & Sapiston Village Hall.

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