

Wixoe Parish Meeting Minutes

17.04.18

Apologies: Brian and Gail, Pamela Smith, Alan Gilchrist, Pauline Broad and Jennie Starr.

Minutes of last meeting: Approved. Proposed Mrs Lee, Seconded Pam Gilchrist.

Matters arising from the minutes: Will be covered during the meeting.

Potholes are major issue but regarded by highways as low priority.

Lights outside School House still not working.

Chairman's Report: David Smith said his farewells to the village.

Born in Stoke-by-Clare.

Many friends in Wixoe. Enjoyed living here since 1982.

First Chairman of the Parish Meeting.

Thanks to everybody involved on the committee over the years.

Thanks to Geoff Broad for setting up the website.

Secretary Report: Some minor planning applications had been received, left to immediate neighbours to comment on.

Treasurers Report:

Village website has been set up to comply with public transparency, for non outside auditing purposes (under £25,000/Year turnover). wixoe-parish-meeting.onesuffolk.net

All reports will be published on the website in the future.

Internal Auditor – Mr David Starr has agreed to fill this position for the year.

Internal Audit

Statement of Governance

Review of accounts

Signed off.

Proposed Mr R Jenkins

Seconded Mrs M Warwick

Approval – unanimous.

Accounts.

Proposed Mr R Jenkins

Seconded Mr K Rawlins

Approval – unanimous.

Please send all input to the website via Geoff Broad.

Many thanks to Councillor Mary Evans for funding the website and Adam for making it work.

County and Borough Councillor Mary Evans report:

Highways – Gritting from November to March. Budget £1.5m, spent £3m.. Wet then frost caused many potholes to appear. £2.5m awarded from central government to help with pothole repairs.

SCC Scrutiny committee looking at road drainage in the county.

New CEO of SCC is Nicola Beech, whose previous post was head of Essex Highways. So perhaps this is a lead that can be made use of.

Education and Children Services:

a lot of work improving school standards. 'Raising the Bar'.

Children Services Team rated in top 25%.

Adult Social Services. Face a big challenge with Adult learning difficulties.

Council Tax – No rise for 3 years.

Sports Centre - £1.5m allocated for improvements.

West Suffolk Ward changes – Latest revision – puts us back in to Hundon Ward, final decision to come. (Boundary Commission to be held in July 2018).

Resolution passed. To thank Mary Evans for her efforts on our behalf.

Vote to remain in Hundon Ward. Unanimous.

Neighbourhood Watch Report – Richard Jenkins:

First hand information reported to NW as soon as possible would be more helpful to the Police than third hand information at a later date.

We need to re advertise the benefits of using the scheme.

Nominations:

Chairman

Duncan Howlett. Proposed Mrs Warwick. Seconded Pam Gilchrist.

Secretary

Lyn Bright . Proposed Hilary Lee. Seconded Geoff Broad.

Treasurer.

Geoff Broad. Proposed Richard Jenkins. Seconded David Starr.

All voted in unanimously.

AOB: David Starr thanked Chairman David Smith for his many years supporting the village and wished him well for the future.

County Councillor Mary Evans presented out going Chairman David Smith with a Scroll commemorating his service to the community over many years.

Meeting finished 19.50hrs.