

WIXOE VILLAGE MEETING-8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019.

- 1) Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Warwick, Jenny Starr, Pauline Broad, Mary Beard, Joy and Phil Morrison, and Brian and Gayle from The Copses.
- 2) The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup>. April 2010, were accepted as a true record - proposed by David Starr.
- 3) There were no matters arising.
- 4) Chairman's Report. Some of the potholes have been filled, but there are more to be attended to. The overhanging branches near Fordwater Lane have been cut back. The road outside Kerenwek, which is sinking, has been inspected and marked by Highways. The Chairman has attended two meetings with Highways regarding road safety and the HGV traffic between the Wixoe junction of the B1092 and Long Melford.
- 5) Secretary's Report – nothing to report.
- 6) Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer reported that we had received the precept of £1860 in May, and we now have £2381. The Treasurer has budgeted for annual outgoings of £650. Until March 2020, and has planned a precept request for 2020/21 of £1000.
- 7) Report from Cllr. Mrs. Mary Evans, Suffolk County Council. Please see attached.
- 8) Report from District Councillors Mrs Karen Richardson and Mrs. Marion Rushbrook., West Suffolk District Council. The Councillors advised that £2000 was now available for County projects, and that a Parking Review was being carried out in the 6 major towns in West Suffolk, and that 18 officers from the District Council will now be enforcing parking regulations. The pollarding of the willow tree on Church View Green is now in the hands of Suffolk County Council.

9) Report from Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Mr. Jenkins reported a break-in at one of the storage cabins of the workforce at Wixoe Mill. A shed at The Rectory was broken into recently.

10) Police Update. There is no spare manpower at present for police to attend local meetings.

11) Any Other Business. Mrs. Warwick had advised the police of shooting one night in the woods adjacent to her property. She was put through to Essex Police who were not interested.

Mrs. Heard had advised that a 30 mph sign was being obliterated by trees. Mr, Gilchrist said that he would look into this.

Mrs. Bright wished to express the gratitude of the village and herself, to Mrs. Starr, who keeps the red telephone box/library so clean and tidy.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 7.45p.m.

Following the Meeting, the Treasurer advised that he would submit a precept of £1100, with the agreement of the Chairman and Secretary. This was agreed on 12<sup>th</sup>. November, 2019.

I am organising a meeting for parishes with Sgt Brian Calver of the Suffolk Police Rural Crime Unit at Stansfield Village Hall on Monday 14 October at 7.30pm CO10 8LP

I have been working with West Suffolk and Clare Town Councils to set up a community hub in Clare which will initially run at Clare library on a Monday and provide advice sessions with Citizens Advice.

Suffolk County Council's children services was rated Outstanding by Ofsted earlier this year putting it in the top 9 local authorities in the country. We are delighted that Suffolk has been rated 5<sup>th</sup> in the Care Quality Commission league table for care homes. In all 87.8% of Suffolk's care homes have been rated at good or outstanding. Top of the table is the Isles of Scilly with 100% outstanding – but it has just one care home – Suffolk has more than 300.

We are working to limit lorries on the A1092 by bringing in an Experimental Traffic Order which would ban HGVs from the A1092 unless they were making deliveries or collecting goods. The ETO would introduce the ban for 18 months but after about 6 months it would be assessed to determine whether it should continue to be made permanent. HGV drivers who broke the ban could be fined up to £1,000.

I have been working with Network Assurance to introduce new signage for road closures in Suffolk. We had hoped that utility companies would accept it voluntarily but it looks like it will have to be written into the council's agreements for road closures. The signs will set out the date, times and location of a roadworks what work is being done and the phone number to call if there are any problems.

SCC highways has changed the criteria for fixing potholes so we are filling smaller potholes – 200mm (7-8ins) diameter. Do please report potholes on the SCC website: <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/>

There is help available if the parish wants to undertake projects through the county council's self-help scheme including traffic management.

Cllrs Marion Rushbrook and Karen Richardson at East Suffolk called the council out to deal with the tree at Church View. It turns out it is an SCC tree. I have spoken with the head of the Environment Team and asked for the tree to have a crown lift