

**Minutes of the Wixoe Parish Meeting held at St Leonards Church  
at 7pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022.**

Present: Duncan Howlett – Chairman  
Richard Jenkins – Treasurer  
Tricia Hearn – Secretary  
Bobby Bennett - Suffolk County Councillor  
Marion Rushbrook - West Suffolk District Councillor  
Nick Clarke- West Suffolk District Councillor  
Wixoe residents

Apologies: Karen Richardson – Hundon Ward Councillor  
Wixoe residents: Ali Hunt, Amanda Bere, Sharon Sheargold, Jenny Starr

**1. Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish AGM of 26 April 2022 were presented and approved.

**2. Chairman's report**

The Chairman welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance. He went on to thank everyone involved in the sourcing, installation and work done for getting the **Phone Box defib** and new village **Notice Board** installed in the village with particular mention to Ken and Val for sourcing suppliers for the **Notice Board**.

The Chairman presented an email he had received from Alpaca Communications on behalf of Bluefield Renewable Developments regarding a proposed **Solar Farm** on land at Water Hall Farm (copy available). He advised he had contacted the company and offered to address to this meeting although this was declined The agent enquired when the next meeting will be so he can attend. They have advised a consultation event will be held (date to be finalised). No more detail is known yet and he is awaiting a redline map of the exact area of where the proposed solar farm would be. He will keep this meeting advised. Nick Clarke commented that he will do what he can to support the village in whatever decision they reach when all the detail is available and commented that things to consider would be the affect/benefit to the village.

**3. Treasurer's report**

Richard Jenkins presented the unaudited accounts for the six months ended 30 September 2022 (copy available).

The meeting raised the question of additional grants available towards the cost of the Notice Board and Defib – KR and BB advised they can look at the locality budget but the village would need to make an application.

**4. West Suffolk County Councillor - Bobby Bennett.**

BB spoke to the meeting about a memorial service she had attended for the proclamation of the new King. Advised the response to hosting Ukrainians continues to go well although they are still looking for more hosts. She spoke about the

pressures of the cost of living and that help is available with Suffolk System partners. She went on to say that the deadline for application for school places was end of October. She was pleased to see that the village Post Box was finally reinstated and wondered if this was perhaps on of the last ER ones installed.

**5. Ward Councillor's Reports**

Nick Clarke presented his report (copy available). He also commented on the pressures of the cost of living and to say that help is there within the County (eg warm buildings if you are concerned about heating – contact your local councillor.

Karen Richardson presented the report provided by the District Councillors (copy available).

**6. Neighbourhood Watch**

Richard Jenkins advised nothing to report in the village. He went on to say that there had been a robbery at Baythorne End and to remain vigilant to mobile phone scams.

**7. Any other Business**

Residents questioned how to access the Notice Board as it is locked. DH and RJ advised they both held keys which could be retrieved from them, however, the intention of the Notice Board was not for advertising. Agreed that a notice will be added to the board advising where keys can be retrieved.

The meeting closed at 7:32pm

Signed: ..... **Chairman**