

HARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
23rd May 2023, 7.30pm Hargrave Village Hall

The meeting was chaired by Mr C Painter, Chair of Hargrave Parish Council.

1. **Welcome and introductions**

The Chair welcomed and introduced everyone to the meeting.

2. **Approval of the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 26^h May 2022**

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed and signed as correct by the Chair.

3. **Parish Council Accounts:**

The Parish Council's financial report is available on the Parish Council website at: [Parish Council Finance \(suffolk.cloud\)](#)

4. **Local Group Reports:**

A copy of all the reports submitted can be viewed on the Parish Council website in Associated Papers at: [Parish Council Minutes \(suffolk.cloud\)](#)

5. **Parish Council Report**

Chair report - Cllr Taylor presented a detailed report covering all the issues that the council had tackled over the past 12 months. His report can be viewed on the Parish Council website:

Neighbourhood Plan – an update was given. Following the withdrawal of Bull Field, it was noted that no new sites had been put forward for consideration. The review of the NP is to ensure it is up to date and in line with the West Suffolk Local Plan. The four core visions from the original plan are still supported and will be taken forward. It is expected that a draft plan will be available to view online by the end of May, it will be presented to the Parish Council at their meeting on in July before being submitted to West Suffolk. Only if there are any significant changes (as identified by external independent planners) will there be a village referendum to ensure continued support.

A written comment was received from Harry Wiseman, who gave prior apologies from attendance, concerning the site assessment report produced by AECOM. Despite previous advice, the reference to Grove Farm farmyard as a brownfield site instead of agricultural, was yet, as agreed, to be fully corrected. Comments were raised regarding information handling and feedback to villagers, this was taken on board for any future development opportunities.

Community Actions –

- **Footpaths:** Richard Jozefowski and Denise Osbourne kindly volunteered to be footpath and bridleways wardens.
A request was made to investigate the possibility of more pavements within the village. Cllr Bennett is to look into this.
- **Speeding and Traffic Issues:** An update was given regarding ongoing meetings and discussions that had been had with Highways with regards speeding surveys and traffic calming measures. Complaints were noted regarding the HGV's travelling through the village because of the Anglian Water works. The clerk is to speak with the customer liaison officer to see what measures can be undertaken to alleviate the problem.
- **Flooding:** Ditch management is a major contributor to this issue. Cllr Bennett confirmed that Highways were aware and looking into it.

Village Hall – a brief presentation was given, with supporting information on the options previously considered and the suggestions made for both future usage, equipment, and facilities. All present were re advised of the decision and decision process to proceed with a new build. Additionally, a reminder was given of the communications to the village around this decision, including a presentation at the APM in 2022.

A working group will be put in place to consider options moving forward. Key objectives will be fund raising.
Clerk Vacancy – applicants were encouraged to speak with the current clerk for more details.

6. **Comments and items of concern from members of the public present** – The owner of Corner Cottage invited suggestions on how to improve the dangerous corner at the junction of Chevington Road and Bury Road.

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