

Minutes of Pulham St Mary Annual Parish Meeting Held at the Pennoyer Centre on Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7pm

1: Welcome Cllr Scanlan Chaired the meeting. He welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Present: Cllr Ellam, Langshaw, Burrige, Freeman, Yaxley, Andersson- Hewitt and McDaniel. District Cllr Hudson, the Parish Clerk, Phoebe Scoulding, a community-based student on placement with the Council and 6 members of the public including representatives from the PCC.

Apologies: received from County Cllr Wilby a report will be included with the March Meeting paperwork.

2: Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting of 8th March 2022 – The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and displayed on the parish website. No comments had been received; the minutes were signed by Cllr Scanlan as a correct record.

3: Matters arising from the minutes: There were no matters arising.

4: Parish Council Chairman's Report: The Chairman provided his annual report – copy attached

5: Reports by County & District Councillors:

District Cllr: District Cllr Hudson introduced himself as the local district member. Cllr Hudson report on the Freezing of South Norfolk Council charge on the 2023/24 council tax and the recent office move from Long Stratton to Broadland Business Park.

Cllr Hudson advised that he currently sits on the planning committee, he has access to an annual local members grant and can help/support with claims for grants from the Community Action Fund. Recent successful applications were the provision of funding towards the roof work on Pulham Market Memorial Hall and Starston Pond.

A summary of the new County Deal for Norfolk was given, full information is available at

www.norfolk.gov/norfolkcountydeal An update was given on the Long Stratton Bypass and the removal of the public toilets in Harleston.

The District Council are currently providing grants for funding towards community events to commemorate the coronation of Charles III, these can be applied for by Parish Councils, who can use to support local groups.

Cllr Hudson advised that in the capacity of a parishioner he is currently trying to set up a 'Mens Shed' a community garden shed project open to all. He has had 20 notes of interest so far and is looking at setting up an initial meeting in the spring. Cllr Hudson also expressed gratitude to Pulham Market Crown ph, who, following the closing of the Falcon ph have provided and excellent service to both communities. Cllr also thanked all Councillors and Volunteers for their continued hard work within the community. He reminded all present that Purdah commenced on Friday 17/3/23, nomination forms must be submitted for district and parish election between 9am 17/3/23 and 4pm 4/4/23. Photo ID will be required to vote at the 4/5/23 elections.

6: Presentation of Parish Council Accounts 22/23 – to date: The current parish balance sheet was presented by the Clerk, copy attached and available on the parish website. The accounts have not yet been completed for 22/23, the final accounts will be presented at the April meeting before being sent to internal auditor. After approval in May the Accounts will be submitted to the external auditor PKF Littlejohn. The Council will publish details of dates for exercise of parishioners' rights to view the accounts following the May meeting. Council is currently awaiting final invoices for 22/23 for dog bin emptying, water to the allotments and streetlighting.

7: Presentation of Charity Accounts 2022/23 to date: Joint accounts of Pulham St Mary Town Estate and William Pennoyer for the poor Charities were presented in a report given by Cllr Ellam, copies attached and available on the parish website.

Cllr Ellam provided an overview of the Charities activity and noted expenditure and income have been evenly matched over the last 12 months.

8: Reports from village organizations/activities:

VF – provided a report, copy attached and available on the parish website. He reported that NCC are currently aware and looking to repair the bridge and access problem to fp9. He will also try to pursue NCC on repair of other damaged bridges, if this is not successful, he will look to land owners. Cllr Freeman would like to readvertise the Platinum Path and organise a group walk in the Spring.

PCC – provided a report, copy attached and available on the parish website.

WEA Pulham Branch unfortunately ceased in August 2022.

9: Questions

10: Close Cllr Scanlan thanks everyone for attending and closed, 4 members of the public left the meeting.

Signed:

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