

## HONINGTON & SAPISTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Honington & Sapiston held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in Honington & Sapiston Village Hall at 7pm.**

In attendance: - Parish Councillors Rob Williams, Stephen Read, Robin Howe, Sue Jay, David Plampin, Debbie Cram, Mark Jacklin. Also in attendance were West Suffolk Councillor Andrew Smith and 2 members of the public.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION & RESULTS
1. Welcome and Apologies	All those present were welcomed to the Annual Parish Meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Ian Patterson-Parker and Sq. Ldr Dave Williams. SCC Joanna Spicer informed the meeting she had 3 AGM's this evening so would join us later.	
2. Minutes of the APM of 2023 held on 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2023.	The minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record and were signed by Cllr RW.	
3. Matters Arising from the APM	Councillors are frustrated that the leaflets and UV Pens as promised by the Police in January 2023 have still not been received. After concerns were raised about speeding through our villages the Parish Council is delighted to report the purchase of another 2 VAS units. The clerk has requested the Speed Camera patrol on several occasions. The Parish Council have purchased and taken delivery of a new Village Sign for Honington Green.	Cllr RW will write to the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner.  Date for installation TBC. Cllr DP to provide 80 bricks FOC
4. Chairman's Report	Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr Rob Williams presented his report to the meeting. A copy of this is included with the minutes. Questions were invited.	
5. Police Report	No report was received.	

	<p>Since our last meeting in March 2024 Honington has reported 4 incidents and 1 incident has been reported from Sapiston.</p>	
<p>6. RAF Report</p>	<p>Whilst we await the arrival of Sqn. Ldr. Dave Williams at the base, no report was available. However, Cllr RW reported that flying would continue until May 24<sup>th</sup>. The annual Families Day will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> July. An invite has been received for 2 people to attend the base on 20<sup>th</sup> June at 18.00.</p>	<p>Please contact Cllr RW for information.</p>
<p>7. West Suffolk Councillor's Report – Cllr Andrew Smith</p>	<p>The report presented to the meeting by Cllr Smith is included with the minutes. Cllr Smith spoke of proposals to launch a simpler recycling scheme across WSC in 2026. Cllr's raised concerns if Bottle Banks were removed from local communities as they provide a valuable source of income to Village Halls and other groups.</p>	<p>WSC Smith will raise concerns about the possible lose of income provided by the provision of Bottle Banks to local organisations.</p>
<p>8. Suffolk County Councillor's Report – Cllr Joanna Spicer</p>	<p>The report received from SCC Spicer was presented to the meeting and a copy is included with the minutes.</p> <p>Cllr Spicer arrived later in the meeting and informed all those present that work to repair the A10088 Bridge at Stowlangtoft is scheduled to begin early July and is set to take 3 months. Cllr Spicer asked for views about warning signs nearer the start of the A1088 at Thetford about the planned diversions whilst this work takes place. Cllrs agreed that a lot of traffic using the A1088 starts from Thetford and this would give further route choices.</p> <p>Cllr RH raised concerns about the condition of the A1088 at</p>	

	<p>Ixworth Thorpe, an issue he has raised many times before. The number and size of Pot Holes is causing drivers to zig zag across the whole width of the road and is posing a real safety risk.</p> <p>Cllr Spicer provided dates of when verge cutting would take place. Honington and Sapiston are due to receive cuts W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Pavement weed treatment is due to take place W/C 8<sup>th</sup> April and then W/C July 8<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Jay asked what was involved in the Pavement weed treatment programme. The A1088 will receive cuts on 6<sup>th</sup> May and 22<sup>nd</sup> July.</p>	
<p>9. Accounts</p>	<p>The Clerk distributed copies of the accounts for 2023-2024 and gave a summary of monies received and spent in the last financial year. Questions were invited and Cllr MJ asked for an explanation about S137 payments. S137 is a proportion of the precept which the PC can use more freely as it wishes to support local organisations and charities.</p> <p>A copy of the accounts is enclosed</p>	
<p>10. Matters to Report</p> <p>10.1. Village Hall Report</p> <p>10.2. Blackbourne Tree Group</p> <p>10.3. Honington Charities</p> <p>10.4. Ixworth Patients Association</p>	<p>The report received is included with the minutes.</p> <p>The report presented to the meeting is included with the minutes.</p> <p>The report received is attached.</p> <p>The Clerk presented the report received from the Ixworth Patients Association.</p>	<p>Cllr RW gave thanks for the wonderful community meals provided each month.</p>

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There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.32pm.

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