

**PARISH OF PETTAUGH**

**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Pettaugh held on 7 May 2024 at St Catherine’s Church, Pettaugh**

Present: Councillor S Rowe (Chairman of the Parish Council - presiding)  
Parish Councillors B Bulsing and E Thornton  
Councillor M Hicks (County Councillor), Councillor N Hardingham  
(District Councillor)  
S Jennings (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received from Parish Council M Marlow.

**2. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting – 16 May 2023**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16 May 2023 be approved and confirmed.

**3. Reports by Councillors and other representatives**

Councillor M Hicks, the County Councillor, gave a verbal summary of his report which had been previously circulated, and which included the following topics –

- The County Council’s budget – approved with a focus on protecting the most vulnerable
- National Grid proposals to install pylons throughout Norfolk and Suffolk to serve the south-east – all local MPs and Local Authorities were united in opposition, alternative options not having been explored
- Formal opening of £1.3m Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service Training Centre – at Wattisham
- County Council’s Social Care service rated good overall by Care Quality Commission
- Almost £1m extra committed to investigating causes of significant flooding arising from Storm Babet
- New Independent Chair appointed to drive forward SEND reform
- Highways Statistics – there had been a substantial increase in the number of highway flooding and defect reports, including those requiring an emergency response.

Councillor Hicks added that the new Highways contractors Milestone started last October and appeared to be enthusiastic. He was pursuing the availability of better interactive tools for customer reporting and responses to

give greater confidence to the public and local councils. He mentioned that he had a Locality Budget to assist with small items of local work to signs etc.

Councillor Hicks was thanked for this contribution and left the meeting.

Councillor N Hardingham, the District Councillor, then presented his annual report, which was circulated at the meeting and covered the following topics:

- New administration at Mid Suffolk District Council
- The Council's Budget
- Thriving towns and villages – funding for various local projects
- Environmental sustainability – funding for various initiatives and schemes
- Planning and Housing – Joint Local Plan approved, Supplementary Planning Documents being developed, and funding to Parish and Town Councils from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Councillor Hardingham was thanked for his regular interest and informative reports, and then left the meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.19pm.

CHAIRMAN