

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Stamfordham held at 7.00pm on Thursday 18th May 2023

Those Present: L Boylan, T Merridew, C Reynolds, C Miller (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

P Forsyth, D Hutt

2. To confirm the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held 17th May 2022 and consider any matters arising therefrom

It was resolved that the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held 17th May 2022 be accepted as a true record.

3. To receive the Chairman's Report

L Boylan gave the following report:

This has certainly been a busy year. It started off with only four councillors, has had seven applications for co-option and two resignations – one of which was the long-standing Chairman. Now with six councillors and one more co-option in the offing it will take the council to full strength.

Several projects have been initiated and are progressing well.

A **Resilience Plan** is now in place in case of emergencies with only a few bits and pieces left to be put in place. Thank you to Matfen Parish Council for sharing their format.

Climate Change is being addressed and an EV charger is now well on its way to being installed at the Village Hall.

Greening Up is in progress with the re-wilding of the large grass verge at Bridge End which includes the planting of the second set of ten NCC (Natures Harvest) Free Trees. More sites will be identified throughout the parish.

Compiling a **Neighbourhood Plan** is to be considered and carried forward.

Ten new **Litter Bins** are awaiting their artwork and installation around the village. Hopefully our visitors will be as keen to use them as our residents.

Ongoing consideration is being given on how to engage the outlying areas of the parish and how to make them more inclusive and better connected. Promoting the Communicator to all residents and how to receive it digitally has been attempted.

The Communicator is working well keeping everyone up to date with events and advertising. Thank you to the editor.

All routine matters have been addressed and thanks are due to our County Councillor for support and guidance when needed as well as keeping us up to date with a more general view of what is happening at County level.

A year of good work with, hopefully, lots more to come.

There were no reports from any local organisations.

4. Any other matters raised by electors

There were no other matters raised by electors.

The meeting closed at 710pm.

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