**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 16th May 2024 commencing at 7.00pm in Stamfordham Village Hall**

**Those present:** L Boylan (Chair), C Reynolds, S Parker, D Hutt, R Williams, C Miller (Clerk), one member of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

V Jones

1. **To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held 18th May 2023 and consider any matters arising therefrom.**

**RESOLVED:**

Those present agreed the minutes of the previous meeting were a true record.

1. **To receive the Chairman’s Report**

L Boylan read the Chairmans Annual Report 2024 as follows.

“Another year working towards keeping the parish a place residents are pleased to live in. Unfortunately some issues are still current and taking longer than expected but will remain on the agenda until we have a resolution. Thanks go to Pip Forsyth, who has left us to follow other interests, for her work and wish her success with her future projects. Thanks also to Cllr Veronica Jones for her continued support and advice. In an attempt to engage residents two opportunities were arranged for them to meet with councillors and discuss issues which may be of concern to them. All issues were recorded and will be looked at in the coming months. The largest project to be initiated this next year is the compilation of a Neighbourhood Plan which will outline ways for our parish to progress and be a point of reference for future planning applications. This is not an easy process and will take some considerable time covering a variety of very different projects that will hopefully pay dividends. Thank you to all councillors for their work over the past year.”

1. **To receive reports from any local organisations wishing to give one**

The W.I. were seeking further members.

1. **Any other matters raised by electors**

The footpath between Dark Lane and the stile into the field towards the Church currently overgrown. County Council had advised the path is cut twice during the summer. However it is already in a bad state. The stile is in a dangerous condition with exposed nails and unstable and the responsibility of the landowner. Resident prepared to carry out a strim, and had contacted County Council for permission. Clerk to contact T Fish regarding stile repair, which would be the landowners responsibility.

The meeting closed at 710pm