

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 commencing at 7.00pm in Stamfordham Village Hall**

**Those Present:** L Boylan, (Chairman), R Williams, M Lloyd, S Parker, C Reynolds, C Miller (Parish Council Clerk), two members of the public

Further to issues at the previous Parish Council meeting, the Chairman requested one person speak at a time.

**1.Apologies for absence**

J Turner, C Hancock

**2.To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and consider any matters arising therefrom.**

**RESOLVED:**

Those present agreed the minutes of the previous meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 were a true record.

**3.To receive the Chairman's Report**

L Boylan, Parish Council Chairman, provided the following report.

*"Over the last year work has continued to keep our parish safe and in good repair. The precept increased to £7.5k to help provide maintenance and updates.*

*When there has been a vacancy for a councillor we have not had an applicant from the wider parish and still have no real contact with Albemarle Barracks.*

*Various projects have moved forward with the re-installation of the public phone, play area cleaning and path clearing carried out by councillors in their own time. The Bridge End finger post is being restored by the CPRE and is scheduled to be completed in September. The CPRE will also, hopefully, be able to advise on repairs to the Market Cross and the re-instatement of the weather vane.*

*The path to the playing field is still a little short of funds which should be secured in the near future.*

*The Neighbourhood Plan temporarily stalled when funds were withdrawn. After a Teams meeting with one County Council representative and encouraging advice from a County Council Planning Officer, it remains a good idea and ways of working around funding can be established.*

*Unfortunately, residents, visitors and businesses are still ignoring speed limits and are failing to keep other road users and pedestrians safe.*

*Dog fouling remains a problem and is antisocial poor behaviour by some dog owners. Our continued thanks to County Councillor Veronica Jones for keeping us up to date with issues in the wider area as well as our own and her continued follow up on queries raised by us.*

*Our thanks are also extended to Claire Miller, our Clerk, who has been doing an excellent job for more than ten years. Her experience and advice are invaluable.”*

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

There were no reports from local organisations.

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

There were no matters raised by electors.

The meeting closed at 705pm



C Miller, Parish Council Clerk