

Minutes of Westhall's Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 9th May 2021 7.30 Westhall Village Hall (prior to AGM)

Attendees: Parish Councillors - Mr C Punt (Chairman), Mr C Baker, Mr P Langford, Mrs L McTaggart, Mrs L Brown, Mr S Darch, Mrs M Rogers and Mrs A Donnachie (Clerk/RFO)
Mr Tony Goldson, East Suffolk District Councillor

Parish Council Chairman's report on the year: The Chairman delivered a report on the year's events and successes, reproduced here:

1. *Firstly, I wish to thank the Clerk and Councillors past and present, for your help, support and friendship during the Parish Council Year, which commenced on 17 May 2021 with last Councils year AGM, where you elected me to be your Chairman for the year.*

At this time we should remember the people of Ukraine and the Tragedy of War, please may it end soon.

During our Parish year we have had regular visits from our East Suffolk and Suffolk County Councillors to keep us informed of what they are doing for us and I thank them for their time.

Regular Business...

Planning permissions – we had discussion, debate and decisions on applications at Silver Birches, Sunnyside, May Time Cottage, Becks End Farm, School Farm, Westhall Hall Farm, Ivy Grange Farm, Racehorse Inn, Becks End Farm, Fox Covert Farm.

Maintenance of our assets with work and purchases to our defibrillator, notice boards, dog bins, bus shelter repair, allotment inspections. On the Charitable Grounds Assets we have maintained the Pleasure Ground, thank you to Seán and made some repairs to the village hall car park surface carried out by Trevor Betts.

The Annual Internal Audit, Accountability and Governance Review, was successfully signed off by our newly appointed internal auditor, Trevor Brown. This Work was all completed on time.

Budgeting, Costs, Annual Precept and Accounts review work were diligently carried out on time.

Projects....

Dedication ceremony of a memorial bench to Tony Whatling installed in the pleasure ground was well attended at the Apple and Pumpkin Festival. At the event we also planted some new trees and shrubs with support from the Sicon Foundation.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Oak Tree and Plaque was collected and planted on the Pleasure Ground.

Quiet Lanes project has been ongoing.

East Suffolk Councils consultations on subjects such as Affordable Housing.

Donation was made to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Flooding around the village and action was reported and action taken and support given where required.

Pleasure Ground and Village Hall car park, we met with the Community Council and Racehorse Pub Committee representatives to attempt to work together to maintain and improve these village Assets.

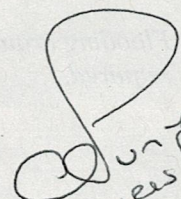
Progress was not as expected! This will have to be refreshed and looked at again in the coming Parish year.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations; we have successfully sought, applied for and obtained Locality funding from our County and East Suffolk councillors to support the events of the celebration being organised in June.

Our thanks to Bob McTaggart for his work around the village keeping it tidy.

And finally, Parish Clerk, Councillors Thank you for all that you do for the Parish in which we all live and Happy New Parish Year.

2. **Comments from members of the public:** None
3. **Any other business:** None


C Punt
11 JULY 27