

WESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

On behalf of westhorpeparishclerk@gmail.com

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16 May 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs David Barker (Chairman), Steve Christian, Ian Cotgrove, Diane Gladders, Robin Lambert, Richard Brown

IN ATTENDANCE: District and County Cllr Andy Mellen, four members of the public and Mark Eggleton (clerk),

1. APOLOGIES and approval of absences – Cllr Steve Caley
2. MINUTES of the previous Annual Parish Council Meeting held Tuesday 3 May 2022 had been approved and signed by Cllr David Barker (Chairman) 5 July 2022.
3. ANNUAL REPORT of the Parish Council Chairman. Please see attached. The Chairman presented the report congratulating Cllr Mellen on his election success.
4. SUFFOLK COUNTY Councillor Annual Report. Please see attached. The report was presented by Cllr Mellen.
5. BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK Councillor Annual Report. Please see attached. The report was presented by Cllr Mellen. A member of the public asked Cllr Mellen whether the objections to the Joint Local Plan raised by Westhorpe Parish Council had been heard. Cllr Mellen explained that the settlement boundaries on the Joint Local Plan were no longer valid and would need to be reviewed. The same member of the public asked if land was included within the Joint Local Plan would that then override previous planning restrictions. Cllr Mellen advised that the Joint Local Plan would be updated to reflect planning inspectorate decisions so that would not be the case.
6. CHURCH BELLS The Chairman advised that lottery funding had been secured that would enable the project to be completed. The Chairman went on to explain that the money raised locally was vital to the success of the project.
7. WESTHORPE TRUST Report. Please see attached. The report was presented by Cllr Christian who is Chairman of the Trust.
8. VILLAGE HALL Committee Report. Please see attached. The report was presented by Sue Hull.
9. OPEN FORUM. No matters were raised for discussion.

Mark Eggleton
Clerk to Westhorpe Parish Council