

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD
VIRUTALLY ON MONDAY 12TH APRIL 2021 AT 7:00PM
VIA ZOOM**

Present: Cllr Ivor French (Chairman)
Cllr David Chenery Cllr Robin Cooke
Cllr Sonya Exton Cllr Mike Hawes
Cllr John Horsnell Cllr Robin Cooke

There were 12 members of the public in attendance

1. Welcome from Cllr Ivor French (Chairman)

The Chairman provided some housekeeping rules and confirmed this meeting would be recorded. He reminded attendees this meeting was not a Parish Council meeting and the provided details regarding the purpose of the meeting.

2. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Jenkinson, Nobbs and Biddle, Mike Cooper, Tony Franklin, County Cllr Alexander Nicoll, District Cllr Carol Poulter, Fiona Parker and Graham Crowley. The Parish Clerk confirmed correspondence had been received from two of the individuals that had sent apologies and reported copies of these would be attached to the draft minutes.

3. To the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th April 2019

A copy of these minutes had been circulated to all council members and a copy had also been placed on the Parish Council's website. These minutes were Proposed for **Approval** by Cllr Cooke, Seconded by Cllr Westover. **All in Favour.**

4. To welcome Nicola Jenner, ESC Communities Officer to speak about her role at ESC and how she can be of benefit to the community

The Chairman welcomed Nicola Jenner to the meeting. Nicola thanked the Parish Council for having her and shared her screen to provide attendees the opportunity to view her presentation. Nicola provided a very informative presentation and gave details of funding available and her role at ESC. The Chairman thanked Nicola for her presentation.

5. Chairman's Report

Cllr French gave a verbal report. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes).

6. County Councillor's Report

Apologies had been received from County Cllr Alexander Nicoll. No written report had been submitted.

7. District Councillor's Report

Apologies had been received from District Cllr Carol Poulter. A written report had been submitted and this was available for viewing on the Parish Council website.

8. Report from Wickham Market Partnership

A verbal report was given by Josie Hopps on behalf of WMP. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes). The Chairman thanked Josie Hopps for her report.

A member of the public asked how much WMP had pledged to the Village Hall New Build and George Public House projects. Josie Hopps confirmed WMP had pledged £5,000 to both.

9. School Governors' Report

A verbal report was given by Roger Theobald. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes). The Chairman thanked Roger Theobald for his report.

10. Parochial Charities Report

A verbal report was given by Roger Theobald. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes). The Chairman thanked Roger Theobald for his report.

11. Parish Environment Report

A verbal report was given by Anne Westover. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes). The Chairman thanked Anne Westover for her report.

12. Good Neighbour Scheme Report

A verbal report was given by Bryan Hall. The Chairman thanked Bryan Hall for his report.

13. Wickham Market Village Hall Management Committee CIO Report

A verbal report was given by Philip Talent. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes). The Chairman thanked Philip Talent for his report.

14. Wickham Market Village Show

A verbal report was given by Alan Manley. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes). The Chairman thanked Alan Manley for his report.

15. The George Community Pub Report

Apologies had been received from Mike Cooper. A written report had been submitted and this was available for viewing on the Parish Council's website.

16. Any other issues of concerns raised by members of the public

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the George Community Pub project and asked if she could voice these concerns on behalf of herself and some local residents at this meeting. The Chairman advised the member of the public this was not a Parish Council meeting and these concerns should be put in writing and sent to the Parish Clerk.

The member of the public also raised concerns that the former Chairman had written to the GMC stating the Parish Council were in favour of the project and queried in fact if this statement was correct.

A member of the public raised concerns on behalf of himself and a number of local residents regarding the George Community Pub and stated that in his view the GMC's non-attendance at this meeting was a travesty and advised as local residents they were not being kept informed and communication to the whole village in respect of this project was inadequate. He confirmed he had written to the GMC with concerns and they had not responded. The Chairman suggested the local resident sent copies of this correspondence to the Parish Clerk so she could forward these onto the GMC.

The Chairman thanked members of the public and representatives for attending and formally closed the meeting at 8:10pm

Signed:....., Chairman
Cllr Ivor French, Chairperson

Dated:.....