

STOKE FERRY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 4 May 2022 at 6.30 pm in the Stoke Ferry Village Hall

DRAFT Minutes (Until approved at the next meeting)

Attendance:

Cllr Sue Lintern
Cllr Andrew Hayward
Cllr Mandy Leamon
Cllr Trudy Mann
Cllr Lyn Juniper-Solley
Cllr Gail Reeve
Cllr Donna Stocking
Cllr Janet Taylor
Helen Richardson Parish Clerk & RFO
Public: Three

Cllr Martin Storey, Norfolk County Council Councillor

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Stuart Collins.

2 Declaration of Interest

There were none.

3 Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 5 May 2021

The minutes were approved and accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Sue Lintern; **Seconded:** Cllr Janet Taylor, all were in favour.

4 Matters Arising

There was none.

5 Parish Council Chairman's Report

Once again we find ourselves in unusual times. We have just got over Covid and now have the disruption from the war in Ukraine and the ever-rising cost of living. We recently secured a grant from the Norfolk Community Foundation Household Support Fund to give help to our residents. The PC worked with Norfolk in a Box to make food boxes with a mix of fresh fruit and vegetables, dry goods and tinned goods and a voucher for the Corner Shop. I would like to thank all those who took part in this project.

Other projects completed this year include:

This year we have completed the hand painted village map which has been installed in the Lyn Road Garden. I'm sure those who have looked at it have appreciated the wonderful work by local artist Lynsey Cole. The map ties in with our walking booklet and was paid for through the Parish Partnership Scheme. Thanks to Cllr Trudy Mann for steering this project. Also in this garden is the Covid Memorial Plaque presented by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant

of Norfolk It commemorates/recognises the work of all volunteers during the pandemic.

The Neighbourhood Plan is currently at the Consultation stage which will finish on May 16 th . The comments will then be reviewed, and the updated draft plan will be sent to the Borough Council for further scrutiny. We hope the referendum will take place in late summer. My thanks go to Cllr Andy Hayward for leading this project and to all the Councillors who have taken part. We continue to give our support to the Blue Bell Community Pub which will be fully opened very shortly. The Blue Bell team of volunteers, lead by Stephen Ward, have done an amazing job in transforming it into a modern community hub. I am pleased to announce the Parish Council is collaborating with the Blue Bell team and will be opening a Village Market Stall very shortly. The market stall will be a place for residents to bring their excess garden produce, in exchange for Blue Bell credits or a nominal amount. The produce will then be for sale. We hope this will be a way to reduce wastage and to reduce our carbon footprint.

Next month we will be having a full programme of events to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. It will be launched with the search for our very own Stoke Ferry Jubilee Queen or King on May 28th and followed by the National Beacon lighting on June 2nd . Residents are invited to watch the

lighting of the beacon from the gardens of the Blue Bell. This will be followed by the sharing of slices of the Jubilee Tart. On June 3 rd we will be judging the Village Bunting project and will be holding a village Treasure Hunt. Sat. June 4 th is the Main Event --- the Jubilee Fayre at the Playing Field. It will include our own Jubilee Olympics, so make sure you have your team ready to enter. The finale on June 5 th will be the "Big Lunch". The Blue Bell will have picnic boxes ready for you to enjoy in the pub gardens.

As always we continue to support our village organisations. Parish Councillors have worked with the Playing Field Committee to secure grants for new windows and shutters for the Playing Field building. We are working with the Village Hall Committee and hope to get Wi-Fi installed in the hall. I take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who keep them running and help make Stoke Ferry such a friendly village.

Looking forward, we are pursuing the transfer of ownership for a small piece of land behind Buckenham Drive which we will transform into the "Jubilee Garden", a space for all to enjoy.

Special thanks should go to our Clerk. She continues to work diligently for us. Well done, Helen, for doing such an excellent job.

I sincerely hope everyone is staying safe and healthy, as we look forward to a thriving future for Stoke Ferry

Sue Lintern.
Chairman of Stoke Ferry Parish Council.

6 Reports from Village Organisations

Bluebell:

- A new Manager had started.

- Two weddings were booked.
- Will be open with a full service on offer after the Queen's Jubilee.
- Will be providing a bar on the playing field for the Queen's Jubilee.
- Looking forward to the market stall being in place on site for all to use.
- Will be looking to open every Sunday for a BBQ.
- Thanks to the Parish Council and the Community for their support.

Playing Field Trust:

- Attached as an Appendix to the minutes.

Village Hall:

- Their report is also attached as an Appendix to the minutes. The Village Hall highlighted that it had anxieties regarding the car parking situation at the hall and this would be minuted on the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council minutes.

7 To receive comments from those in attendance

There was none.

8 Any Other Business

There was none.

9 Date of Next Meeting – 10 May 2023, 6.30 pm in the Stoke Ferry Village Hall

Noted.

The meeting closed – 7.00 pm.