

WENHASTON with MELLS PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held in the Village Hall on 5th May 2022. The meeting was chaired by Peter Wildish and a total of 18 persons attended including Parish Councillors.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting.
2. The minutes to the previous meeting were approved and duly signed.
3. The Chairman of the Parish Council gave a full report of activities since the previous APM. A copy of the report is available from the Clerk.
4. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT. Full details including draft accounts and statutory notices are available on the Parish Council website. Public inspection of records is available and the process to arrange this appears on the website. In summary funds held at the end of the financial year total £56204. There is no outstanding borrowing and there are no creditors. Funds specifically earmarked and held as reserves total £29700. Additionally a general reserve is held totalling £22800 the source of which was CIL monies which remain available for up to 5 years for approved and relevant expenditure within the Parish. Application for grants/funding of community infrastructure projects is encouraged. Donations/grants awarded during the previous financial year totalled £8190 of which £7940 was awarded to the Village Hall Management Committee for repairs and improvements.
5. A full and comprehensive report was provided by Suffolk Wildlife Trust outlining their work on the commons during the previous 12 months under the terms of the management agreement.
6. CHARITIES REPORTS. Pepyn and Lessey Charity reported changes made to trustees and a summary of donations made during the previous 12 months was provided. Income £5074 and expenditure £2792 was recorded during the period. Relief in Need Charity reported that income was £511 and expenditure was £300 during the previous 12 months.
7. OPEN FORUM. (i) It was suggested that the Charities could publicise their work locally to raise awareness within the village. (ii) It was felt that the area around the war memorial was prone to becoming overgrown and difficult to access due to infrequent trimming. It was noted that East Suffolk Council were responsible for this work but followed an environmental policy which conflicted with the point made. (iii) Potholes remain a problem within the Parish and clerk outlined the procedure for reporting.

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm