

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF GREETWELL HELD ON 22ND APRIL 2024
IN THE SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillor John Taylor (Chairman), Mrs Christine Myers (Clerk)
5 Residents

APOLOGIES: Mrs J Dimelow, District Councillor Maureen Palmer

1 APPROVAL OF THE NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 APRIL 2023 TO BE SIGNED AS MINUTES

That the notes be signed as minutes proposed by Mr Vernon Stuffins, seconded by Mrs Sarah Bates.

2 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman reported as follows:-

That it had been another successful year for the Parish Council and thanked all members for their hard work and emphasised that it was a 'good team'.

The Clerk was thanked for her knowledge and admin skills and for keeping the Council on the 'straight and narrow'.

Thanks were made to the County and District Councillors whose valuable assistance is greatly appreciated.

The biggest event by far during the year had been the installation of the pedestrian crossing, which was achieved after many years of campaigning. The opening ceremony was a catalyst that made the Parish Council feel that people were interested in their local area.

This led to the Christmas tree lights event which was amazing. The number of people that turned out was a great encouragement. Hopefully this will be an ongoing local tradition.

We look forward this summer to the D Day 80 events that look as if they will be well and truly something to remember.

The Chair thanked all members of the Parish Council for their regular attendance at meetings and their willingness to put forward views and that of the community.

3 CLERKS REPORT

The Parish Council continues to be a hardworking team working for the benefit of the community. This resulted in a very well supported Christmas tree switch-on event on Westfield Avenue last December. Mulled wine was purchased from the Events Fund, which has built up over time, and mince pies were kindly donated by our local garage. Plans are to make it a bigger event this coming year.

The tree and lights were purchased from Community Infrastructure Levy Funds which was paid to the Parish Council from newbuild properties in the parish.

Other events have included Litter Picks and Junior Litter Picks of which a resident started and these have proved popular involving some of the children from North Greetwell.

The Speed Indicator device was completely destroyed by a vehicle running into it in November last year. However, within two weeks the Parish Council insurance had reimbursed funds for replacement and a new one was ordered and received well within a month. We still await the post to be sited from the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership so that the device can be fixed to it.

The Parish Council had taken on the verge cutting from Ramper Farm to the village gateways last year, and received a contribution towards this from the County Council of £449.00 reducing the cost to the parish by half of what it paid. This will continue this year, keeping our parish tidier.

Planters – Councillor Jo Dimelow continues to plant and maintain the planters on Westfield Drive and Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates the large one near to the Greetwell sign on the A158 by Lodge Lane. This was refurbished last summer with the help of volunteers from Anglian Water.

The Parish received a grant of £400 from two of our District Councillors towards new seats for The Chase. These were kindly fixed in place by our County Councillor and a volunteer from Cherry Willingham Parish Council.

Financial Report:-

The Chase Account – expenditure for year taken from account - £3,503.55 including £100.00 administration fee = £5,308.14

The Chase account is diminishing as Grass cutting, inspections and repairs are paid from it. Future costs for the maintenance of The Chase will require to be met from the Parish Precept.

At 31.3.2024 the Parish Council Account totalled £14,513.88

This amount includes:-

Events Fund brought forward - £805.16

Parish Enhancement - £5,250.28

Cil's monies £481.65

Contingency Fund = £ 7,976.79

The Accounts would be audited and available for residents to view.

4 REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

There were no reports submitted.

5 TO CONSIDER ANY POINTS THAT PARISHIONERS MAY WISH TO MAKE

There were none.

The meeting ended at 7.37pm.