

STOW BARDOLPH PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Stow Bardolph Parish (comprising the three wards of Stow Bardolph, Stow Bridge and Barroway Drove) held on **Tuesday 12th March 2024** commencing at 7.45pm.

The meeting was at Stow Bridge Village Hall.

ATTENDANCE

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| Chairman of the Parish Council: | Mr D Barnes |
| Parish Councillors: | Mr W Esse, Mr M Brighton, Mr R Gilbert, Mr D Brighton Mr R Hudson, Mrs S Dent, Mr G Bishop, Mrs S Clanfield |
| Borough Councillors: | None |
| Norfolk County Councillors: | Mr C Dawson, Mr B Long |
| Clerk to the Parish Council: | Mr V Howling |

No members of the public were present.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Colin Rose & Cllr Vivienne Spikings

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING DATED 14th March 2023

The minutes of the meeting were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's Report is attached.

Receive Questions from the floor

None.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 7:51pm

Chairman
Date/...../.....

Chairman's Report 12.03.2024

As in previous years we continue to have issues with several constant topics.

- I re iterate my comments of last year! The roads around the parish are terrible. We keep on at relevant authorities to repair or in some cases rebuild our roads! We were told that they would 'sort' the damage caused when traffic was diverted due to bridge closure, but that hasn't happened yet.
As in previous years we are told money is tight but we deserve a road system which is fit for purpose and safe to use!
- We continue to wait for final solution regarding repair to the bridge at Stow Bridge. We met with authorities and strongly lobbied for better information and Signage when bridge was closed, which truthful was ridiculous.
- We continue (along with CC Chris Dawson) to try and get better signage and information whenever any road in parish is to be closed.
- Several of the PC met with our MP Liz Truss, at her request, to discuss local issues, (roads, Bridge, rebuilding our KL hospital, lack of infrastructure in Downham area brought on by large house building etc). We will see if anything comes from this.
- Planning applications are always dealt with fairly and with the whole parish and its parishioners in mind. Our planning advisory group discuss any applications and look at them on an individual basis considering all relevant factors. Our decision is then brought to full council for consideration.

The PC continues to support the local churchyards with contributions to their upkeep.

We also look to helping local organisations with funding towards community events/projects.

I would like to thank the Borough & County Councillors who make the effort to attend our meetings regularly. Also, I thank all my fellow councillors for their support in the last year and that we continue to work as one.

I make a special thank you to Mrs Vicki Howling, our clerk, who does a great deal of work on our behalf.

DRF Barnes
Chairman