

Parish of Botesdale
Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Held Monday 8 April 2024 – Botesdale Village Hall

Present:

Parish Councillors: Des Bavington-Lowe Simon Dickinson Andy Edwards
Richard Lock William Sargeant Jack Stracey

Parish Clerk: Leeann Jackson-Eve

County Councillor Jessica Fleming

No members of the public

6.30pm The Chairman, Andy Edwards, welcomed those present and opened the Meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Parish Councillor Greg Russell
2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 3 April 2023.** Circulated in draft prior to the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 May 2023 and acknowledged at that meeting by those councillors present at the APM as a true record of the proceedings, the minutes were approved for signing.
3. **Parish Council Annual Report:** Andy Edwards presented the Chairman's Report. The full report is appended to these minutes.
4. **Parish Council Financial Statement:** The Clerk/RFO presented the Council's financial report for the year ending 31 March 2024. The full report is appended to these minutes.
5. **County Councillor's Report:** Cllr Jessica Fleming presented a report on Suffolk County Council's actions over the past year. The full report is appended to these minutes.
6. **District Councillor's Report:** Cllr Gilly Morgan had submitted a report on Mid Suffolk District Council's actions over the past year. The full report is appended to these minutes.
7. **Reports from Parish Charities:**
 - Fairstead Trust: Simon Gowen had submitted a report on behalf of the Trust. The full report is appended to these minutes. Cllr Andy Edwards was now Chair of the Trust and it was exploring giving funds directly to the school for free school meals and sports equipment. This would be discussed at the next meeting of the Trust.
 - Bacon Exhibition Education Fund: A report was not submitted.
8. **St Botolph's School:** Headteacher Mark Cobbold had submitted a report on behalf of the School. The full report is appended to these minutes.
9. **Botesdale Village Hall:** Andy Edwards presented the report on behalf of the Village Hall. The full report is appended to these minutes.
10. **Reports from Local Organisations:** Reports are appended to these minutes including Barwoods, the Neighbourhood Watch, the Heritage Circle, the Village History Recorder, the Oil Syndicate, the Friends of the Botesdale Health Centre, the Patient Participation Group, the Parochial Church Council, and the Footpaths and the Streams Project.
11. **Local Issues:** None.
12. **Any other Business:** None.

6:47pm The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.