

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 14th March 2023** commencing at 7.45pm.

The meeting was at Stow Bridge Village Hall.

ATTENDANCE

Chairman of the Parish Council:	Mr D Barnes
Parish Councillors:	Mr W Esse, Mr M Brighton, Mrs S Cooke Mr R Hudson, Mrs S Dent, Mr G Bishop, Mrs S Clanfield
Borough Councillors:	Mrs V Spikings
Norfolk County Councillors:	Mr C Dawson

No members of the public were present.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs S Ling.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING DATED 8th March 2022

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 7:50pm

Chairman

Date/...../.....

Chairman's Report 14.03.2023

It didn't really surprise me nor you that a lot of topics we as a council have dealt with this year are the same as in previous years. At the risk of sounding like a broken record-

We continue to have issues with several constant topics.

- The roads around the parish are terrible. I know we have had a few repairs this year and the corner at Wootton's farm redone but it really is not enough! I despair every time a parishioner mentions 'potholes'!
We continue to hear of incidents, vehicles going off the edge of roads and broken springs/shock absorbers. We keep on at relevant authorities to repair or in some cases rebuild our roads! 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!
- Planning applications are always dealt with fairly and with the whole parish and its parishioners in mind. We meet as a planning group to 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. Eg We supported the Jubilee events at both SB and BD village halls last year.

The council has this year managed to facilitate the pavement extension in BD and we have been working with Wimbotsham PC to successfully get a walkway between Stow Bridge and Wimbotsham agreed. Work on such should commence shortly.

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