



## **MINUTES**

### **Annual Assembly of the Parish of Woolverstone Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 7:30pm Berners Hall**

**1. Apologies:** Penny Speller, Jamie Mayhew, Simon Harley, Julia Pearce, Duncan Myatt.

**2. Attendance:** Simon Pearce, Allison Glading, Anna Caston, Sarah Martin, Rector Jenny Seggar, Lorraine Wildbore, Craig Catchpole, Elspeth Iskander, Agi Seemungal, Matthew March, Simon Kent

**3. Minutes:** Minutes of the 2023 meeting were circulated to those in attendance. Proposed: Allison Glading Seconded: Lorraine Wildbore.

**4. Matters Arising:** None.

#### **5. Chairman of Woolverstone Parish Council Report**

8/9<sup>th</sup> July Celebration of the Berners Family, with a multitude of activities and open gardens and premises. Blue plaques will be established to highlight key points.

Warm Thursdays – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in the month and will continue.

Green Canopy – whips in Cathouse Lane have been planted and are established.

Woolverstone United – changing rooms completed.

Berners Management committee purchased second-hand display boards.

Bio diverse environment Horsepond Green

Speeding continues to be an issue. Attempts to have a 40mph limit between Woolverstone and Chelmo has been denied.

Planning applications continue to be reviewed and responded to with an attempt to reduce numbers.

Locks on footpath gates at Mannings Lane have been passed to SCC. A meeting is to be held with the landowners.

Facebook page has been established and we have 43 followers.

Section 106 for the houses in Woolverstone has now been signed. Other planning applications have been quiet but there has been much work on the trees.

Simon Pearce thanked the Parish Council and villagers.

A full copy of the report can be read on the Parish Council website.

No questions.

## **6. Babergh District Councillor**

Nothing received and not in attendance.

## **7. Suffolk County Councillor**

Simon Harley sent a report in his absence.

Simon Pearce read the headlines. He asked those in attendance to contact him with any questions.

A full copy of the report can be read on the Parish Council website.

## **8. Finance**

This can be viewed under the finance section of the Woolverstone Prish Council website.

Income:

£3000 – Precept

£6490 – CIL

£6500 – Lottery grant for the Berners weekend

Current amounts:

£7288 – current CIL money

£2383 – Parish Council

£4916 - Remainder of the grant

Assets:

Horsepond Green and lawnmower

£2383 Parish Council balance.

Discussion followed over the inability of Woolverstone to pay a clerk as the precept is low due to the size of the village.

There were no further question.

### **9. St Michaels Church**

Regular services continue with the addition of a Thursday morning service. Coffee mornings have also re-started.

A lot of brassware was lost last year. The candelabra have been replaced with wrought iron ones and are beautiful. Simon Pearce asked when these will be lit.

There have been a good number of weddings and have linked with Ipswich High School as a venue.

There is a tap and pay cash machine now so people can donate online. This can be used by walkers and for the coffee mornings.

Agi Seemungal at Spring Lodge asked for a list of services.

### **10. Berners Hall**

Sarah Hutton has been unwell and not able to circulate a report.

There has been an upgrade to the heating and new lighting.

### **11. Woolverstone United Football Club**

Craig Catchpole, Chair WUFC

Craig read aloud his report.

A full copy of the report can be read on the Parish Council website.

There were no questions.

### **12. Friends of Woolverstone**

A range of events are put on within the village: Talks, Art Show, Exhibition, Christmas Fayre.

This year: D Day, Art Show, Christmas Fayre.

£5815 Balance.

### **13. Ipswich High School**

We have a very good relationship with IHS with updates going in the newsletter to residents.

A full copy of the report can be read on the Parish Council website.

### **14. Suffolk Local History Recorder**

Lorraine Wildbore attended the Suffolk History recorders meeting. It has been a quiet year.

There is a book of the history of WUFC which can be purchased. Funds go to WUFC. Simon Pearce will put this in the newsletter and Simon Pearce offered for them to be sold at the

various village events: D Day, Christmas Fayre. Lorraine Wildbore will put some words together for the newsletter.

#### **15. AOB**

**Elsbeth Iskander** – asked the Parish Council to consider occupancy of the two village buildings – Church and Berners Hall. Berners Hall could then be converted to affordable housing for people on the peninsula.

This will be added to the agenda for a Parish Council meeting. Rector Jenny Seggar asked for inclusion in the discussions.

Signed

Date

Meeting closed at 20:44