

BUXHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 15 May 2023 in Buxhall Village Hall

Present: David Steed (Chairman of Buxhall Parish Council) (DS), Tina Newell (Parish Council Clerk) and thirteen members of the public.

- 15523/1 David Steed, as Chairman of Buxhall Parish Council, welcomed all to the meeting introducing Nicki Willshire as the newly elected District Councillor.
- 15523/2 DS thanked County Councillor Penny Otton (PO) for her many years of service after which PO presented her annual report in brief, the full report will be appended to these minutes.
- 15523/3 Nicky Willshire (NW) introduced herself and confirmed she is looking forward to working with the Parish Council.
- 15523/4 PO and NW left the meeting.
- 15523/5 **Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the last Annual Parish meeting held on 9 May 2022 were approved and all present agreed for DS to sign these.
- 15523/6 **Apologies:** Safer Neighbourhood Team, Stowmarket and Stowupland Falcons and Buxhall Women's Institute.
- 15523/7 **Buxhall Community Council:** A report was received confirming the Council has 8 officers with a capacity of 12; over the last year the Council has been instrumental in facilitating collaboration across village groups, particularly in celebrating national royal occasions on the playing field with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration being the centre piece of 2022. The full report is appended.
- 15523/8 **Garnham & Salter Trust:** The most recent application for financial assistance was in 2018; residents were encouraged to apply for assistance noting funds are available to help with heating supplies.

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- 15523/9 **Buxhall Bar:** A detailed report was read and is appended in full to these minutes. The bar operates in the summer months only to encourage people to walk to the hall and for safety reasons as the village is largely unlit; a mobile pizza van visits the hall to coincide with the bar opening making it an ideal event to form new friendships; the bar does not generate significant profits and after a period of 5 events in 2022 and after purchasing new drinking glasses, paper towels and a stainless steel catering food preparation table a donation of £140 was given to the village hall.
- 15523/10 **Buxhall Village Hall Committee:** A report was read confirming the village hall has had a busy and successful year welcoming the whist drive back, harvest supper, bangers, beans and bingo and a quiz; a pop up shop was held in the hall recently and more hires of this nature are welcomed; the accounts for 2022 were presented and approved at the April meeting and showed hire income of £998 with a year end bank balance of £39k.
- 15523/11 **Buxhall Candlestick:** This group was saved from closure last year by a team of three who have produced a calendar of events for 2023/24.
- 15523/12 **St Mary's Church:** A Churchwarden asked those present to support the Church both as members of the congregation and financially; the bells ring every Tuesday and Sunday and new ringers are always welcome.
- 15523/13 **Great Finborough CoE Primary School:** A report was received prior to the meeting and is appended in full to these minutes.
- 15523/14 **Stowupland Falcons U9:** A report was received prior to the meeting and is appended in full to these minutes.
- 15523/15 **Buxhall Women's Institute:** No report.
- 15523/16 **Buxhall Broadcast:** Thanks were given to the Parish Council for the financial support and all present were invited to submit reports for inclusion in future editions.
- 15523/17 **Chairman's report:** DS gave thanks to a long serving Councillor who stood down at the recent elections and thanks to a Councillor who was not re-elected both of whom had served the Council and residents well.

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- 15523/18 **Great Finborough Under 5's:** No report
- 15523/19 **Stowmarket Striders:** No report
- 15523/20 **Poppy Appeal:** No report
- 15523/21 Residents gave thanks to all Councillor's for serving the Parish and giving their time freely.
- 15523/22 **Date of the next meeting:** Noting the Annual Parish Meeting must be held between 1 March and 1 June it was agreed to schedule the next Annual Parish Meeting for Monday 13 May 2024.
- 15523/23 The meeting was closed at 7.38pm.

After the meeting written reports were received from Great Finborough Under 5's and Buxhall Women's Institute and are appended in full to these minutes.