



Three Saints South Elmham Parish Council

All Saints & St. Nicholas, St. Michael and St. Peter South Elmham

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING *Rumburgh Village Hall* **Wednesday 24th May 2023 – 7.30pm**

Present Councillors: John Flatt (Chair), Winky Evans, Simon Patrick, Richard Pooley and Paul Watkin

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: Sally Chapman

Also Present: County Councillor Judy Cloke and two parishioners

MINUTES

1. Chair's Welcome

The Parish Council Chair John Flatt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Councillor Heather Hughes-Jones

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th May 2022

[The Minutes from the Meeting held on 11th May 2022](#) were confirmed unanimously as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. The Chair's End of Year Report

The Chair gave a report (*attached*).

6. The Responsible Financial Officer's End of Year Report

The RFO read out the End of Year Accounts (*attached*) and invited questions.

7. County & District Councillors End of Year Reports

Cllr Judy Cloke gave a summary of her report which is on the website:
threesaintssouthelmham.onesuffolk.net.

8. To Receive Councillors Reports from each Parish

a) All Saints & St. Nicholas

Cllr Hughes-Jones sent a report for All Saints (*attached*).

Cllr Pooley gave a report for St. Nicholas (*attached*).

b) St. Michael

Cllr Watkin gave a verbal report of the planning applications in St. Michael.

c) St. Peters

Cllr Patrick gave a report for St. Peters (*attached*).

Signed _____

Date _____



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9. To Receive Community Reports

a) St. Michael's Parish Lane Trust

Cllr Watkin informed the Chairman Alan McKay has sadly died and a new Chairman will be elected, the Charity Commission has been informed. One person in St. Michael was given a grant in 2022/23.

10. Public Questions

None

The meeting ended at 8.15pm

The Chair's End of Year Report

- In the last year, we have had a Jubilee and Coronation gathering at All Saints bus stop which was attended by 30 people bringing food and drink and enjoyed by all including our oldest resident aged 92.
- TSPC gave Jubilee and Coronation mugs to all the children in the parishes to mark these special occasions.
- East Suffolk Council requested the 219 unspent CIL money back from TSPC and later we were able to claim it back again to buy a new noticeboard for St. Peters.
- TSPC gave grants to South Elmham Community News to support the production of this useful newsletter.
- Many thanks to County Councillors Judy Cloke and David Ritchie (now retired) for their support and welcome to the new District Councillors Toby Hammond and Anthony Specia.
- Many thanks to all the Councillors, past and present, for their voluntary time and input into the parishes.
- More thanks to the parishioner who mows and tidy All Saints bus shelter.
- And thank you to the Clerk for keeping us on track and for all her work.



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Responsible Financial Officer's End of Year Report

Three Saints South Elmham Parish Council Year End 31st March 2023

Receipts		2021/22
£	Receipts	£
91.86		
3000.00	Precept	3,300.00
27.00	Additional Grants	-
20.54	VAT Reclaim	17.80
0.00	Jubilee Mugs Sales	64.00
0.00	CIL Money	291.70
0.52	Business Saver Interest	11.58
3048.06		3,685.08
Payments		
1794.12	Clerk's Salary	1,960.79
90.00	Clerk's Office Costs	90.00
30.07	Clerk's Expenses	13.02
67.20	Hall Hire	72.00
35.00	ICO - Data protection registration	35.00
234.08	Insurance	254.72
100.00	Internal Audit Fee	120.00
150.00	S137 Grants	204.99
188.29	Subscriptions	187.90
25.00	Training	-
50.00	Maintenance	100.00
50.00	Website	50.00
17.80	VAT to reclaim	115.96
0.00	CIL Money	291.76
0.00	Vistaprint Jubilee Mugs	170.71
0.00	Noticeboard St Peters	334.00
2831.56		4,000.85
216.50	Surplus income over expenditure	- 315.77
6738.76	Balance b/f	6,955.26
6,955.26	Balance c/f	6,639.49

Balance Sheet

Cash at Bank		£
1762.48	Current Account	1,442.13
5302.78	Business Saving Account	5,314.36
0.00	Petty Cash	-
0.00	Uncleared receipts	-
110.00	Uncleared cheques	117.00
6,955.26		6,639.49
1554.05	General Reserves	1,625.04
5401.21	Earmarked Reserves	5,014.45
6,955.26		6,639.49

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the Authority as at 31st March 2023 and reflects its receipts and payments during the year.

Signed

John Flatt - Chair

Signed

Sally Chapman - Responsible Financial Officer



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Village Report 2022-23 for All Saints & St. Nicholas

This year has seen some physical improvements to amenities, some new joint activities and two celebrations. Three planning applications were supported. Issues raised by parishioners, such as parking, noise and overgrown footbridge were addressed, though not all could be resolved. We welcomed the new Local History Recorder for All Saints and St Nicholas.

Bus Shelter Area

- A Maintenance Grant has ensured the All Saint's bus shelter area has been mown regularly and kept clear of brambles and the Oak tree planted for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was watered.
- A new noticeboard for All Saints was put up to replace the vandalised board. The damaged notice board was repaired and put inside the bus shelter for community posters.
All Saints Common
- All Saint's Foot Bridge vegetation was cleared by the Chair. The loose handrail was reported to the SCC footpath Officer.
- Ragwort on All Saint's common, particularly on the southern part was noted.
- Long and medium term parking of cars on the Common remains largely unresolved.

TSPC Litter Pick Saturday 11 – Sunday 12 March 2023

All Saints and St Nicholas joined in the second parish wide TSPC litter pick since 2019. The pick was productive considering the amount of litter and rubbish collected.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration Friday 3rd June 2022

The Jubilee oak tree's plaque unveiling event at All Saints bus shelter attracted almost 30 parishioners from the Three Saints, who brought food and drink to celebrate.

Coronation celebration Sunday 7th May 2023

Again around 30 parishioners from the Three Saints gathered to mark the coronation. There was much discussion, including ideas of re-naming the Bus Shelter: shelter or hub or?

Local History Recorder

Sonia Collins has taken up the role of Local History Recorder for All Saints and St. Nicholas South Elmham and Rumburgh.

Successful Planning Applications included:

- Ref. No. DC/22/4940/FUL proposed the Excavation within arable field to create new wildlife pond cluster and a single new pond in adjacent field. Land South West of Mill Lane South Elmham All Saints and St Nicholas Suffolk. This was supported by TSPC.
- Ref. No: DC/22/0003/FUL proposed removal of Conservatory and Erect Replacement Garden Room at Meen's Farm Capps Lane South Elmham All Saints IP19 0PD. This was supported by TSPC.
- Ref. No: DC/22/1891/FUL Construction of rural workers' dwelling, Malt Office Lane. This was supported by TSPC.

Councillor Heather Hughes-Jones

17. 05. 2023



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St Nicholas South Elmham Parish Yearly Report 2022 - 2023

- One planning application - outbuilding conversion Eels Foot Lane. District Council approved, unclear whether our comments were addressed.
- Parishioners' concerns during the year:
- State of St Nicholas Lane - repaired twice during the year but still floods and the surface is degrading again.
- Degraded state of nearly all the local signposts - informing Highways with photos - ongoing.
- Several complaints about noise levels from Rookery Farm wedding venue - particularly early September. TSPC chair has approached the owner, assured it will not be as bad again. I intend to monitor this carefully this year and report back to TSPC meetings.

Councillor Richard Pooley
23/05/2023

St. Peter 2022-23 Summary

Early in the Council Year Simon Patrick replaced James Montague who had resigned as parish councillor after several years' service.

Community cohesion remains high in the village with news and views exchanged energetically on the village WhatsApp group supplemented by summer BBQs and Christmas communal meals. In May Pam Bonnett's annual bric a brac stall raised significant funds for the church and early in 2023 sufficient money had been raised from fundraising activities, together with a donation from St Peter's Brewery to install a heart defibrillator in the porch of St Peter's Church. This is now fully operational. A new notice board has been installed just outside the church and is already proving inadequate in size to adequately display the many and varied community-based happenings and initiatives!

The village litter pick in March saw every household participate and a depressingly large amount of material retrieved from roadsides, hedges and field margins.

The village and immediate environs continue to see its roads and verges deteriorate in condition to the extent that some stretches are unsafe for cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians. Significant damage was done by the diversion of heavy traffic from the chicken processing plant in Flixton. Very little of that damage has been repaired and much is being exacerbated by the use of our small country lanes by increasing numbers of large lorries and heavy agricultural vehicles and machinery. Objections to the diversionary route fell on deaf ears at County Council level and similarly "intentions" to re-instate damage failed to materialise.

Further aesthetic and environmental damage were done by the go-ahead given to the large "functional" extension to St Peter's Brewery with the building's bearing little resemblance in size and "impact" to the elaborate submitted plans.



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Despite the objections of parishioners, telegraph poles were installed along a stretch of Church Road to carry a new fibre link to just one property. This despite the existence of an underground telecoms culvert.

The voices of individuals relating to “planning” issues seem to fall on deaf ears at County Council level and tellingly, if the issues identified above are a guide, there is little if any attempt at Country level to liaise proactively with the parish council to ensure that essential notification of such schemes is disseminated to the very parishioners most impacted by them!

Councillor Simon Patrick