

Wickmere with Wolterton Parish

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2024

Minutes of the parish meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2023
at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

1. Present:

In Attendance - Lesley Ash (Chair), Alison Davidson, Phillida Hurn, Alwin Harmer, Richard Hembling, Phillida Hurn, George Madeley, Barry Markham, and Vanessa Tomczynska, Ros Calvert (Clerk of the Council).

2. Apologies for absence - None

3. Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 8th March 2023 were circulated agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Annual Report from the Chair of the Parish Council - Lesley Ash

- The chair gave her report as attached.
- The offer of a mature oak tree had been received and it would be planted in the corner of the field to the north of the Village Hall
- The new sign for 4-1 Church View had recently been removed. She was asked if the Council knew anything about its disappearance. It was a mystery to all attendees; enquiries would be made.

5. Annual Report from Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) - Richard Hembling

- The Village Hall Committee had put on several events over the year and attendance had picked up. It was looking to put on more in future.
- The AGM of the VHMC had been held and it was well attended.
- Copy of the accounts for the year ending 31-12-23 had been given to the Parish Council.

6. Annual Parochial Church Council - Phillida Hurn

- Visitors had given generously towards church funds. Small but very useful donations had been deposited in the wall safe together with money for the sale of second-hand books. £277 had been received from the sale of new local books. The PCC had also received funds from the sale of investments which had been put aside for the conservation and repair of the railings.
- The PCC was able to pay its parish share of £3,719 and insurance of £705. Most of the items identified at the quinquennial had been complete except for the railings in the churchyard which were outstanding. The next quinquennial inspection was scheduled for 2027
- Phillida answered questions about reserves and the current account balance.

7. Aldborough School – Richard Hembling

There had been a busy open day well attended by parents who were made to feel very welcome. All but one spaces for the new intake this year had been filled and the Nursery School was also doing well.

Financially the school was challenged due to the withdrawal or reduction of funding. This made budgeting a challenge.

The school had a good head teacher and staffing was stable. It was a great team with a happy atmosphere in the school

8. Open Forum - There were no comments

9. Closure of the meeting –

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20pm

Signed

Date