

Copdock & Washbrook Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Tuesday, 7 May 2024, 7.00pm at Copdock Village Hall

Present: Cllr A Ward, Parish Council Chair
Mrs S Frankis, Parish Clerk & RFO
District Cllr D Busby
District Cllr J Whyman
Deputy Head, Copdock Primary School
2 students of Copdock Primary School
10 members of the public

1/2425 Chair's Welcome

Cllr Ward welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2/2425 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Cllr Hudson, District Cllr D Busby, for his expected late arrival and from Mr M Green.

3/2425 To CONFIRM the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, 16 May 2023

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held on 16 May 2023, were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

4/2425 To CONSIDER Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting, 16 May 2023

There were no matters arising.

5/2425 Chair's Report

Cllr Ward presented his report to the meeting.

6/2425 Report of the County Councillor

No report was received (however this could be due to an ongoing issue the Parish Council has in receiving emails from Suffolk County Council).

7/2425 Reports of the District Councillor

An annual report had been received from District Cllr D Busby, which was presented by Cllr A Ward.

8/2425 Reports from Village Organisations, Groups and Clubs

Report Received from Copdock Primary School

Two students at the Primary School introduced themselves; they presented a comprehensive report of the school's activities over the past year, which included assemblies delivered about anti-bullying and staying safe online. The report was interesting, intuitive and highlighted the commendable efforts of a very hardworking school.

The Deputy-Head made a call for school governors to come forward.

The Deputy-Head teacher and two students left the meeting.

Ruth Lincoln presented a report on behalf of the Copdock with Washbrook Church Wardens.

Karen Watling presented a report on behalf of the Copdock and Washbrook Ladies Group.

District Cllrs D Busby and J Whyman arrived at the meeting.

Mike Watling presented a report on behalf of the Copdock and Washbrook Tennis & Badminton Club.

9/2425 Matters Raised by Electors

Mrs Watling noted that the footpaths are becoming very overgrown and asked if anything is being done to address this. Cllr Ward advised that he had today begun his 'battle' with Suffolk County Council (SCC); a cut is due within the next month although he is aware there are a number of footpaths that need immediate attention. He is working to get the Copdock and Washbrook footpaths listed as a priority on the SCC schedule.

Cllr Ward advised the Parish Council would like to introduce a volunteer footpath group to be able to supplement the works of SCC; the Parish Council has the necessary equipment, but volunteers would be needed to undertake the works.

A parishioner suggested engaging with the probationary services to see if they could do the work.

A member of the Carpet Bowls Club asked if they could have a presence on the new Parish Council website. Cllr Ward advised that it is the intention of the Parish Council to provide a dedicated webpage to include links to community websites, and for those who don't have their own websites, to include their details on that page.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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