Annual Parish Meeting

Sweffling Hut, The Street, Sweffling

7pm Tuesday 10th May 2022,

1. Present:

Cllr. John Stanley

Cllr. John Tesh

Cllr. Audrey Lummis

Cllr. Jude Chin

Cllr. Amanda Daniel

Cllr. Jill Abbott

County Councillor Stephen Burroughes

6 members of the public

Apologies from:

Cllr. Julia Kinsey

2. Introduction by the Chairman of Swefling Parish Council. JS welcomed all to the meeting and explained the nature of this meeting. All reports to be posted on the PC website.

3. Reports from Village organisations. a) Swefling Parish Council Report by Chairman CllrJS.

⁃ b) ACC Report by Jenny Tyson

⁃ c) SCC full report was summarised in parts by Stephen Burroughes. In particular he highlighted the changing nature of PC meetings with Zoom playing an increasingly important part, allowing him to attend several in an evening. He intends to fund the technology for PCs like ours who do not have wi-fi in their meeting places. Info link to JS. Question 1. from JC re. automatic number plate recognition, about how roads/villages were chosen. SB explained it was voluntary, assessing the need before putting in place. We will think about putting the name of SPC forward for B1119. Rendham also has concerns having conducted a recent speed survey. Question 2. from JC re. Bulk buying for solar panels/batteries giving savings for local groups. SB to help with information for the village.

⁃ d) E.S.D.C. Report from Maurice Cook, but not present to answer question - from J.S. re Planning Applications. S.B. added information.

⁃ e) St. Mary the Virgin Church Report from Cllr John Tesh. A note was made to keep tabs on the annual amount of charitable giving, within the village.

⁃ f) Suffolk Constabulary Report read by JS who explained that comparative numbers of crimes committed year by year did not constitute a crime wave.

⁃ g). Bowls Club. JS

⁃ h). Tree Warden from Jenny Tyson. She suggested that at the Platinum Jubilee another oak or group of oaks might be planted on the Jubilee Field or in the hedge line. The Woodland Trust will source these. Volunteers needed.

⁃ i). Sweffling Fete Organisation Report from JA.

⁃ j). Sweffling Hut Committee - no report received, but JS explained the position, with SPC considering taking over the ownership and running of the Hut. JT is the only officer left as treasurer. With the government Covid help of £10,000 the Hut can keep going. The financial information has been passed to JS.

⁃ k). Tennis Club Report from Steve Ashurst. There is a Tennis Club Barbecue on Saturday 11th June on Townland Meadow.

⁃ l). Townland Trust Report from Sheila Tesh. There was discussion about the possible planting of a spinney at the top of the Townland meadow. S.B suggested there could be a listening bench there too, paid for, out of his locality budget.

4. It was pointed out that no posters had been seen or any notification about this Annual Village Meeting. JS apologised for this oversight.

5. There were no further questions or comments from the floor and the meeting finished at 7.40 pm

6. The next Annual Village Meeting is confirmed as Tuesday 9th May 2023. Minutes by J. Abbott

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