

**Sweffling Annual Parish Meeting**  
**14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 7:00pm**  
**Sweffling Hut, The Street, Sweffling**

**MINUTES**

**1 Welcome and Introduction**

- 1.1 The Chair (Cllr John Tesh) welcomed all to the meeting and the Cllrs and new Clerk around the table introduced themselves

**2 Attendance and Apologies**

- 2.1 Present: Cllr John Tesh (Chairperson), SPC Cllr Amanda Daniel (Vice-Chairperson and RFO to SPC), SPC Cllr Jillian Abbott, SPC Cllr Audrey Lummis, SPC Cllr Steve Ashhurst, County Councillor Stephen Burroughes.

- 2.2 Also present 4 members of the public including Lynda Newson representing the Alde Community Council and Sheila Tesh representing the Townland Trust.

- 2.3 Apologies: SPC Cllr Jenny Tyson

**3 Parish Council Reports**

All reports below will be published on the Parish website when they are available.

- 3.1 The Chairperson of Sweffling Parish Council, Cllr John Tesh, presented his report verbally, and a copy will be provided to the clerk in due course for the record.

- 3.2 The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) of Parish Council, Cllr Amanda Daniel presented her report verbally, and a copy will be provided to the clerk in due course for the record. Any resident wishing to see a copy of the published financial records should contact the Clerk or look on the Parish Clerk Website at [www.sweffling.onesuffolk.net](http://www.sweffling.onesuffolk.net)

**4 County, District and Police Reports**

All reports below will be published on the Parish website when they are available.

- 4.1 Suffolk County Councillor Stephen Borroughes, verbally presented a summary of his comprehensive report to the meeting. A copy will be available on the Parish Council web-site.

- 4.2 No reports were received from East Suffolk District Councillors

- 4.3 No report was received from The Suffolk Constabulary

- 4.4 A question was raised concerning Education to Cllr Burroughes about provision for an underperforming child in Leiston. Cllr Burroughes explained that the parents / guardians of the child should first approach the school for additional support and in addition to that to contact him directly or via the Sweffling PC Clerk and he would take up the matter with the Education Service.
- 4.5 A second question was raised to Cllr Burroughes concerning the apparent lack of co-ordination between National Grid and infrastructure suppliers Sealink and Lionlink. Cllr Burroughes shared his concern who said that the matter was currently with the Deputy Leader of the County Council and was being taken up with the contractors. It seemed clear to Cllr Burroughes that the competition between contractors hindered the sharing of information and co-operative working.

## **5 Reports from Village Organisations:**

All the reports below will be posted on the Parish Website when they are available.

- 5.1 St Mary the Virgin Parish Church: As Chair of the Church Council Cllr John Tesh gave a verbal report and a copy will be provided to the clerk for the record in due course..
- 5.2 The Townland Trust: Sheila Tesh from the Townland Trust verbally presented a report and a copy was submitted to the clerk for the record.
- 5.3 The Alde Community Council: Lynda Newson as Treasurer of the Alde Community Council verbally presented her report and a copy was submitted to the clerk for the record.
- 5.4 Sweffling Village Hut Committee: Apologies were received from Mike Smithson who was unable to attend but the report was read out by Cllr Jillian Abbott. A written report has been submitted to the clerk for the record.
- 5.5 Sweffling Bowls Club: Apologies were received from John Stanley who was unable to attend but his report was read out by the SPC Clerk. A copy has been submitted to the clerk for the record.
- 5.6 Sweffling Tennis Club: Cllr Steve Ashurst gave a verbal report on the club and will provide a written report for the record in due course.
- 5.7 Sweffling Fete Organisation: As 2023 Co-ordinator Cllr Jill Abbott read out her report from last year's Fete. A full copy will be sent to the clerk for the record when it becomes available. Steve and Sue Ashurst will organise the 2024 fete in August.
- 5.8 SPC Tree Warden: No report was submitted.

**6 Public Forum:**

There was a discussion concerning the lack of participation by residents in the workings and operations of the Parish. Whilst some organisations and events were well attended, for example, The Hut, The Fete, Tennis Club and Bowls club there is a need for people to participate in the background organisations such as the Parish Council. There were several ideas but nothing that could be put into immediate effect.

**7 Questions to the Chairperson**

There were no questions to the Chairperson

**8 Any other Business**

There were no further items

**9 Confirmation of next Annual Parish Meeting**

The next Annual Parish Meeting was for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7:00pm in the Swefling Hut

Peter Grogan  
Parish Clerk  
23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024