

# **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Depden held at The Meeting Room, Care Farm, Depden on Tuesday 11 April 2023 at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Mark Leadbeater – Chairman  
Susan Boor – Clerk

Fiona Niven, Andrew Rabett - Councillors

Andy Barnetson, Angie Barnetson, Rosie Eaton, William Eaton, Nicki Golding, Steve Golding,  
Anne Nicolson, Evelyn Paine, Nicky Rabett, Colin Rolfe, Gay Wood - Parishioners

Bobby Bennett – County Councillor (arrived 7.30pm)  
Mike Chester – West Suffolk Councillor

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting and thanked them for coming.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Dennis Bibby, Peter Ebbens, Nicky Moncrieff, and Andrew Read
2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held Tuesday 12 April 2023 had been approved at the Parish Council Meeting held Tuesday 10 May 2022.
3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES. There was none.
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT given by Mark Leadbeater. See attachment 23/1
5. TREASURER'S REPORT given by Susan Boor. See attachment 23/2.
6. WEST SUFFOLK COUNCILLOR'S REPORT given by Councillor Mike Chester. See attachment 23/3.
7. FOOTPATH REPORT written by Peter Ebbens. See attachment 23/4.
8. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT given by Councillor Bobby Bennett.  
Councillor Bennett is a cabinet member for Equality and Communities which includes libraries and refugees from Ukraine of which there are 1200 guests in Suffolk. 75% of the Council Tax for Suffolk County Council is spent on social needs of children and adults. There is a new contract for Suffolk Highways and she asked people to report potholes.
9. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT given by Angie Barnetson. See attachment 23/5.
10. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT given by Anne Nicolson. See attachment 23/6.
11. DEPDEN CHARITIES REPORT by Anne Nicolson. See attachment 23/7.
12. PARISH SURVEY PRESENTATION given by Mark Leadbeater  
All information on the website.

13. OPEN DISCUSSION.

There was a short discussion about the impact on the village of the new pipeline and the compound by Anglian Water.

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Chairman ..... Date .....