

Welford Parish Annual Assembly Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 7.15pm

Present: Henry Burgoyne-Probyn (Chair), Angela Boyce (Parish Clerk), and Electorates.

Welcome

The Chair of the PC, Henry Burgoyne-Probyn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from District Councillors Denise Gaines, Dennis Benneyworth and Tony Vickers, and Sam Bell.

2. Minutes of the 2023 annual parish assembly meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2022 were signed.

3. Chairs report

The Chair of the Parish Council, Henry Burgoyne-Probyn read out a report of the Parish Councils activities over the last 12 months. The Parish Council carried out projects they set out to do. There has been a new bench installed near the bus stop in Wickham to replace the old bench that was broken and were able to obtain a grant from WBC for a majority of the cost of the bench and fitting. We have also approved a grant for some works to be carried out to the war memorial in Welford. We have continued to maintain the MUGA to a good standard and have recently replaced a faulty basketball backboard which we also obtained a grant for. We have continued to maintain our assets including the common in Weston. We have made donations to local causes which we try to do on an annual basis. Looking forward, we are in the process of setting up the speedwatch campaign and look to update the Parish Plan next year and would welcome any ideas from members of the parish.

4. Ros Oswald, from Carbon Neutral Aldbourne

Ros gave a talk and shared what they are trying to achieve and what they have been able to achieve within their community about reducing emissions, sharing ideas and creating sustainable projects. She spoke about climate emergency. They have set up a group on the parish council who work on specific areas. They have a repair network. A biodiversity group, an Energy group and a food group. Ros spoke about how Carbon Neutral Aldbourne is collecting for the Terracycle Scheme which recycles hard-to-recycle waste and she gave a demonstration on some of the projects they have achieved.

5. A thank you to David Hunt for 50 years of service on Welford Parish Council.

The Chair of the PC lead the thanks to David Hunt for the 50 years of service on Welford Parish Council including being Chair of the PC for many of those years. Paul Stanley spoke about the many projects David has been involved in over the years and thanked David for his commitment to the Parish and how the parish are so grateful for his time and efforts. Paul informed David that

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the Parish Council would like to dedicate the new bench to him for his 50 years of service to the Parish. This was followed by a round of applause for David. David then spoke about the projects he had been involved with over the last 50 years.

6. There was an informal discussion where questions were asked about the Parish Plan. There was a discussion regarding the lack of bus services in the area, the PC agreed to put this on the next meeting agenda. There was a discussion regarding sewage. The PC are aware of the situation and their concerns are shared with the local MP who is in talks with the local pumping station, it was noted that there is a permanent tanker relay running through the villages, which is causing noise nuisance throughout the night, and it is causing a lot of damage to the roads. The PC will look into the issues with WBC and the Chair advised everyone to log it with WBC individually.

The meeting closed at 8:04pm.

Signed

Date