

Stanstead Parish Council

Minutes of the Stanstead Annual Parish Assembly Meeting held at Stanstead Village Community Centre, The Hill, Stanstead, CO10 9AP on Monday 20th May 2024 at 7pm

Present: Stanstead Parish Council (SPC): Cllr D Finch, Cllr D Harkness, Cllr D Wilson, Cllr A Green, G Claydon (Parish Clerk)
Babergh District Council (BDC): Cllr M Holt, Cllr S Plumb
Suffolk County Council (SCC): Cllr R Kemp

Absent: SPC: Cllr C Warne, BDC: Cllr M Holt, Cllr S Plumb
2 members of the public were present.

1.5.24a Introduction & Welcome from Chair of Stanstead Parish Council
Cllr D Finch opened the meeting at 7.06pm

2.5.24a Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence accepted from Cllr C Warne, Cllr M Holt and Cllr S Plumb. Apologies accepted from Cllr D Wilson that she would arrive shortly after the start time.

3.5.24a To formally adopt the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th July 2023
Adopted and to be uploaded to the website as a PDF.

4.5.24a Update on matters raised at the last Annual Parish Meeting
All items are on the agenda.

5.5.24a County Cllr R Kemp's Annual Report
Please see annual report on the village website which can be accessed via this [link](#) Cllr R Kemp also thanked all those parishioners who contact him for help and support.

6.5.24a District Cllr M Holt /S Plumb's Annual Report
No annual report was provided likely due to the election but monthly reports can be accessed from the village website via this [link](#)

7.5.24a Parish Council Annual Report
Please see annual report on the village [website](#)

6.5.24a Annual Reports from Village Organisation
The following groups reported on their activities

St James' Church Rev Mary Styles advised that currently St James Church has no wardens and no church council members. Going forward there is a volunteer who will open the church on Tuesdays and Fridays. The Church had a visit from Lavenham wildlife group. Contact details and further information can be found on their [website](#)

Signatories
Initials

Stanstead Village Community Centre

There are lots of necessary changes being made to the constitution. Please see report on the village [website](#)

Neighbourhood Watch

No one has come forward to take over from J Gaskell who set up the neighbourhood watch scheme in Stanstead around 30 years ago. J Gaskell advised that Suffolk Neighbourhood watch are re-vamping things and urged people to have a look at <https://suffolknwa.co.uk/> Cllr D Harkness advised that neighbourhood watch was not mentioned in the police forum he had attended.

Village Website

Please see report on village [website](#)
Stanstead Parish Council thanked G Ross all the help and support she provides to both the council and the village in keeping the village [website](#) and facebook page (Stanstead Village Group) up to date.

Mention was made of Thermal image cameras being used to check for heat loss on properties via Ralph Carpenter at Hartest and Leslei Tunbridge at Glemsford Parish Councils. If this is of interest to anyone in Stanstead please contact the clerk in the first instance via email: stansteadpc@gmail.com

Meeting Closed at 7.54pm

Name:David Harkness..... Position:Chair.....

Date: Time:19:10.....

Signature: Hard copy retained on file has been signed and pages initialled