

## Stanstead Parish Council

### Minutes of the Stanstead Annual Parish Assembly Meeting held at Stanstead Village Community Centre, The Hill, Stanstead, CO10 9AP on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7pm

**Present:** Stanstead Parish Council (SPC): Cllr D Harkness, Cllr D Wilson, Cllr A Green, G Claydon (Parish Clerk - Minutes)  
5 members of the public or press were present

**Absent:** Babergh District Council (BDC): Cllr M Holt, Cllr S Plumb, Suffolk County Council (SCC): Cllr R Kemp

#### 1.5.24a **Chairman's Introduction & Welcome**

Cllr D Harkness opened the meeting at 7pm acknowledging the sad loss of 2 parishioners, giving thanks and gratitude for the contribution they had made to the village and the Parish Council during their time living in Stanstead. Thanks was also given to the District Councillors and County Councillors for attending SPC's meetings and for their assistance on various matters over the year.

#### 2.5.24a **Apologies for absence**

All SPC councillors attended the meeting, apologies received from Cllr M Holt and Cllr R Kemp.

#### 3.5.24a **To adopt to minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Adopted, signed 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 [here](#).

#### 6.5.24a **District Cllr M Holt /S Plumb's Annual Report**

Please see annual report on the village website which can be accessed [here](#).

#### 7.5.24a **Parish Council Annual Report**

Please see annual report on village website which can be accessed [here](#).

#### 6.5.24a **Village organisations Annual Reports**

The following groups reported on their activities (where provided reports can be viewed on the council website):

##### **St James' Church**

Rev Mary Styles said she was glad that there is a functioning Parish Council and thanked those involved. Mary advised that the church is struggling to find people to step eg to the role of church warden, church council, etc. They have been trying to encourage interest in relation to the revamp of the church yard and having a flower rota. Currently the church has a service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. Mary is also available for pastoral care. Contact

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magazine annual subscription charge is £10 and a copy is available at the community centre.

**Stanstead Village Community Centre**

It was reported at following the treasurer's retirement another of the committee members has taken on part of the role. The club will be going cashless at the end of the month. There are currently 5 committee members and the club is free to Stanstead residents. Please see annual report on village website which can be accessed [here](#).

**Neighbourhood watch**

It was reported that there is a national committee trying to revive the principal of 'neighbourhood watch' but it is not clear how involved policing will be with this. A police support volunteer meets with Sudbury police every 2 months and there is online reporting regarding this. Click [here](#) to find out more.

**Meeting Closed at 7:40pm**

Name: ..... Position: .....

Date: ..... Time: .....

Signature: .....