

Minutes of Nettlestead Parish Meeting

7.30 pm Monday 26th June 2023 at Nettlestead Church

Present: Jeanna McCarthy, Neil McCarthy, John Pratt, Ann Pratt, Pat Richmond.

The Meeting was opened at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Nick Cooper, Fran Cooper, Alison Taylor, Ken Southall.

2. Election of Chairman.

The Clerk asked for nominations for the office of Chairman of the Meeting. Jeanna McCarthy proposed Neil McCarthy. This was seconded by Ann Pratt and Neil McCarthy was elected unanimously.

3. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Meeting of 10th May 2023

Jeanna McCarthy proposed that the Draft Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting of 10th May 2023. This was seconded by Ann Pratt and approved unanimously by Anne Pratt.

4. Matters Arising from the Meeting of 10th May 2023

None.

5. Audit 2022/2023.

a. To approve the Meeting's 2022/2023 accounts be approved. Jeanna McCarthy proposed that the 2022/2023 accounts be approved. This was seconded by John Pratt and approved unanimously by the Meeting.

b. To note the Internal Audit Report 2022/2023.

The Meeting noted the Internal Audit Report.

c. To approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2022/2023 Section 1: Annual Governance Statement for 2022/2023.

Jeanna McCarthy proposed that the Annual Governance Statement be approved. This was seconded by Ann Pratt and approved unanimously by the Meeting.

d. To approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2022/2023
Section 2: Accounting Statement 2022/2023.

John Pratt proposed that the Accounting Statement for 2022/2023 be approved. This was seconded by Jeanna McCarthy and unanimously approved by the Meeting.

e. To approve the issuing of a Certificate of Exemption from External Audit for 2022/2023

Pat Richmond proposed that the Certificate of Exemption be signed. This was seconded by John Pratt and approved unanimously by the Meeting.

The Chairman signed the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and the Certificate of Exemption for 2022/2023.

6. Financial

a. To receive the Meeting's Financial Report and to approve any payments to be made.

The Meeting noted the Financial Report. Jeanna McCarthy signed the Financial Report to confirm that the bank balance stated agreed with the balance on the most recent bank statement.

b. To approve the Meeting Financial Budget for 2024/2025 (to include any proposals for expenditure).

Pat Richmond proposed that the Budget be approved. This was seconded by John Pratt and approved unanimously by the Meeting.

c. To agree the amount of Precept for 2024/2025.

The Chairman explained that, as agreed in the revised Financial Regulations that had been approved at the last meeting, a provisional decision was to be made regarding next year's Precept at this meeting. This would be reviewed by the Chairman and the Hon. Treasurer when BMSDC sent out the Precept information and would also take into consideration any potential proposals for expenditure. After some discussion, Jeanna McCarthy proposed that the Meeting should not raise a Precept in 2024/2025. This was seconded by John Pratt and approved unanimously by the Meeting.

d. To consider any payments under the LGA 1972 S137.

The following S137 donations were approved unanimously by the Meeting:

Somersham Community Shop - £300.00

Somersham & District Community Association - £300.00

7. Governance

- a. To consider the reappointment of SALC as internal auditor for 2023/2024.

The Meeting agreed that SALC Internal Audit provided a wide ranging and thorough audit. Jeanna McCarthy proposed that SALC be reappointed for 2023/2024. This was seconded by John Pratt and approved unanimously by the Meeting.

- b. To approve the revised Meeting Risk Assessment.

Pat Richmond proposed that the Risk Assessment be approved. This was seconded by John Pratt and approved unanimously by the Meeting.

- c. To approve the Meeting Privacy Policy

Jeanna McCarthy proposed that the Privacy Policy be adopted. This was seconded by Ann Pratt and approved unanimously by the Meeting.

8. AOB

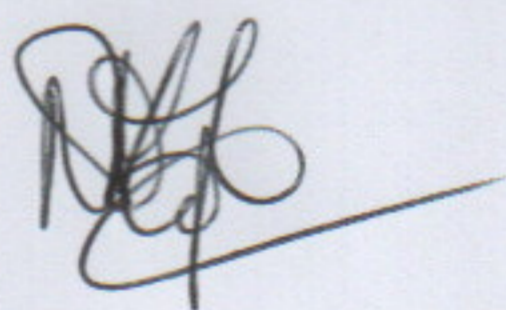
The Meeting discussed the state of the roads in the parish and the wider area. It was agreed that repairs did not happen quickly and were often not of good quality. The Chairman said it was important that these issues were reported and advised residents to use the reporting tool on Suffolk County Council's website.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 8.11pm with thanks from the Chairman to all who attended.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting of 26th June 2023.

Name: N J F COOPER

Signature:



Date: 30th May 2024