



Minutes of the Pulham Market Annual Parish Meeting
Held in the Meeting Room, Memorial Hall, at 7.00 pm Monday 13th March 2023

Present- Cllr Ford, S Hewitt, Cllr M Alexander, Cllr A Schwier, Cllr K Hammond-Brewster and Cllr S Pietrzak.
Lisa Shulver (Parish Clerk)

Representatives from organisations;

- District Councillor
- Harleston Sancroft Academy
- Pulham Players
- Pulham Market Memorial Hall
- 2 x Pulham Youth Project

1 member of the public

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and reports sent from the Footpath Warden, Pulham Market WI, Pulham Market Church. Notice was received that Pulham Market WEA ceased in August 2022. All reports received are available on the parish website. Judith Fumero (Pulham Market Music Day) also sent her apologies.

2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting on May 5th 2022. It was agreed that the minutes were an accurate and true record of the meeting.

3. To discuss matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting, for information only.

There were no matters arising discussed.

4. Presentation of Parish Council Accounts April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022.

The accounts have not yet been completed for 2022/23, completed records will be presented to Council at the meeting of 12/4/23 and then submitted for internal audit. A copy will be made available on the parish website. It is anticipated that the final accounts including the internal audit report, the annual governance and the financial statements will be presented for approval at the May meeting before submitting for external audit by PKF Littlejohn LLP. All approved copies will be available on the parish website and details for the dates for exercise of parishioner's rights will be made available following the May Meeting, with notice being displayed on the parish notice board and website. A copy of the accounts to date will be available on the parish website, providing details of the difference between budget and actual income



and expenditure. All parish expenditure is approved at full parish meetings and allowed for within the powers of the council. A refund of a credit for an overcharge by Wave of £89.20 has been claimed and it is hoped this will be received before the end of March.

- 5. Report from Parish Council Chairman.** Cllr A Ford presented her report. Copy available on the parish website.
- 6. Report from County Councillor** A report presented at the March Parish meeting is available on the parish website.
- 7. Report from District Councillor** Cllr Hudson introduced himself as the local district member. Cllr Hudson reported on the freezing of the district charge on the 2023/24 council tax.
He advised that as a district member he has access to a local member's grant, that has in the past been used to support Pulham Market initiatives. He, along with the County Councillor, can also support application for a grant from the annual Community Action Fund, from which PMMH were able to procure £15,000.00 funding towards their roof replacement project during 2022.
Cllr Hudson provided a brief summary of the current New County Deal for Norfolk, further information is available at www.norfolk.gov/norfolkcountydeal
He provided a progress report on the Long Stratton bypass and the removal of the public toilets in Harleston. Reporting on recent planning applications, the District Cllr advised that he had recently supported the application to install solar panels on the listed building of Pennoyers, which has subsequently been approved.
The District Cllr advised that in the capacity of a parishioner of Pulham St Mary he is currently gauging interest in the formation of a 'Mens Shed'; a communal garden shed project open to all. Anyone interesting in knowing more can contact him direct. He also noted that following the recent closure of the Falcon PH in Pulham Market, The Crown PH has done a great job in providing an integrated service to both Pulham Communities.
- 8. Reports from invited village organisations:**
All reports received are available on the parish website.

KP head of secondary school at Harleston Sancroft Academy provided a summary of her report. She took questions and provided details of the schools aim for strong links to all feeder schools to the Academy and gave a summary of the framework that the Academy works to, as a Church of England school. KP received comments from some Councillors on the merits of a previous mentoring programme offered by the school and requests for the reintroduction of this initiative to be considered



JP provided a report on the recent Pulham Players AGM – productions for 2022 included Madness of Toad, a mix of Madness songs with the tale of Toad of Toad Hall, and the first Panto since the Covid restriction, performed in January 2023. She reported on the Players involvement in the Pulham Market Carnival, with their themed entry Kings and Queens of Rock.

This year the Players will be performing Calendar Girls in Spring 2023 and rehearsals for Panto will commence in September.

She thanked all who support and attend performances and thanked PMMH for their continued support.

The Pulham Players actively recruit and anyone interesting in knowing more or wishing to join, are welcome.

DP provided a report from the PMMH – the hall is pleased to report the return of most groups following Covid restrictions, with the noticeable loss of play group, due to a reduction in attendees. Weekend private bookings, for birthday parties etc are flourishing, with many weekends fully booked.

The Craft Fair raised £500.00, but there is currently a break from fundraising due to low number of volunteer helpers. Fund raising will resume next year.

The main project for last year was the roof repair project, including fascia, soffit replacement and insulation install, which has helped mitigate utility costs. The next large project will be replacement of the boiler with a dual source provision and the committee is now looking for grant funding. It is hoped the garden (sponsored by the late Betti Hill and her husband Richard) will be completed in the Spring of 2023, which will then provide a further area of usable space.

The committee were pleased to provide the Pulham Market Christmas tree for 2022. They are as always grateful to all helpers and users of the facility and continue to seek new recruits onto the Hall Committee.

Cllr Schwier provided a summary of the Pulham Market Church Report and took questions.

MS provided a report on the Pulham Youth Project – The Youth Project open day has been scheduled for Saturday 15th April 2023, to be held at the PMMH, this is hoped to provide a taster of what the project will offer.

Questionnaires have been distributed to target audience and results analysed. There is a group of volunteers ready to deliver the project and applications for grant funding are underway.



9. Public Forum

A parishioner raised concerns with speeding through the village. Cllr Hewitt provided information on the SAM2 and data monitoring the parish currently carry out. Ideas for consideration were raised to carry out community speed watch programme and to request GO NCC Highways to visit and take part in a community walkabout to consider areas of concern.

The parishioner raised a concern with drainage from the Copperfield development onto Guild Hall Lane. Councillors will undertake a site visit and this may require reporting to planning compliance.

Everyone was thanked for their contributions.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.