

# Long Stratton Annual Town Meeting

## Minutes

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

6.00pm

Long Stratton Pavilion, Manor Road Playing Fields

- 1) Welcome to the meeting from the Town Council  
The Chairman welcomed all that came to the Town Council meeting.
- 2) Apologies for absence  
Councillors Mundford and Pochin gave apologies due to a prior commitment.
- 3) To review and adopt the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
The minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 4) To review Town Council's year end accounts and ask any questions.  
Year-end accounts were reviewed by those present and any questions asked were answered by the Clerk (presentation attached to the minutes)
- 5) To review how Long Stratton has changed over the years financially and projects achieved.  
The Clerk went through how finance has changed over the years, with the exception of when the pavilion was built there has been a steady incline of payments and receipts received. The Chairman spoke of the project achieved during this time. (Presentation attached to the minutes).
- 6) To receive a report from the Town Clerk as to the work undertaken in the office.  
The Clerk gave a report advising that the team in the office collectively receive and manage 99 emails a day, process 75 invoices a month on average and held 44 meetings in a year. (Presentation attached to the minutes.)
- 7) To receive a report from the Town Council Chairman regarding the years events and the aspirations for the upcoming year.  
Councillor Lunness gave a report regarding the years events and upcoming aspirations. (Presentation attached to the minutes)
- 8) To receive a report from County Councillor Alison Thomas.  
County Councillor Alison Thomas gave her apologies for the meeting.

9) To receive a report from District Councillors Georgina Race and Jonathan Carver  
District Councillors Race and Carver were not present for the meeting.

10) To hear from local community groups regarding their year and the aspirations for the upcoming year.

Representatives from girl guides, brownies and rainbows were present. They gave a brief description of how their year had gone and the upcoming jamboree they were having at the end of July. They spoke about how Rainbows used the park for some of their social activities and asked if the toilets could then be left open. The Council advised that they would be happy to provide a key for the evenings they needed the external toilets.

Councillor Lansdell gave an update on the Nicholas Porter Charity. He advised that there was £1494.83 + 50p in petty cash available. He clarified that now that the new Reverend was in position the charity would be able to once again support those in need.

11) To hear from all parishioners and local community groups about aspirations that they wish the Council to consider for future years.

The following points were raised.

- Could the planters be utilised this year and planted to make Long Stratton look nice.
- Could meetings be more widely advertised on social media and written materials.
- Could the Council contact the village hall regarding the land surrounding the war memorial.

12) The meeting to be opened for discussions and any other business. Any resolutions may be put forward for consideration.

There was no other business raised.

*With there being no further comments, the Chairman thanked all those for coming and contributing and closed the Annual Parish Meeting for Long Stratton at 19:39*

Signed.....

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