

EDWARDSTONE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 21 May 2018
at Edwardstone Parish Hall

In the Chair: M Childs

Present: S Norman, C Britcher, P Baker, P Clarke, D Williams, J Finch (SCC), B Hurren (BDC), A Robinson (Clerk), D Clark (Parish Hall), L Clark (Edwardstone Almshouses and other Charities), H Phillips (Boxford Playing Fields)

1. **Welcome** – M Childs welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Minutes** – The Minutes of the meeting of 15 May 2017 were approved, proposed S Norman, seconded P Baker, and signed.
3. **Report from Suffolk County Council** – J Finch gave his report, which is attached to these Minutes. M Childs asked him about the state of the U8339 road past the White Horse, which has appalling potholes and has not been repaired despite the issue being reported regularly. He asked the Clerk to email him with details and he will investigate. He explained that with limited resources repairs have to be concentrated on the main routes. D Clark said that many of the potholes had been made worse by Anglian Water's equipment while they have been carrying out work in the area. L Clark asked why it was so difficult to claim compensation – he had had to replace 3 wheels on his wife's car recently and found the compensation system very frustrating. J Finch asked him to send him the details and he would investigate. L Clark asked why repairs were carried out so badly that they had to be done again soon afterwards. J Finch said that due to resources sometimes workmen could only do half a job. D Williams said that SCC had utterly failed to provide anything like a proper service, even with Council Tax increasing. There was further debate between J Finch and D Williams regarding the issue.
4. **Report from Babergh District Council** – B Hurren gave his report, which is attached to the Minutes. He said that there were several local planning issues which he is currently working on. The Goodlands appeal is to be in Ipswich rather than locally though he is trying to get this changed. He was pleased that the issues with the Parish Hall disabled toilet have now been resolved. He is dealing with two local housing issues in Edwardstone at the moment. He was pleased that the telephone mast on the A1071 has improved reception for some people. L Clark asked about the survey regarding the move to Endeavour House, which has gone ahead, and B Hurren agreed that it was a waste of public money.
5. **Report from Suffolk Constabulary** – the Police were unable to attend but had attended the Parish Council meeting in March.
6. **Reports on Edwardstone Organisations**
Millennium Green Trust – P Clarke reported that they were still looking for volunteers to help with grass cutting and workparties. D Williams offered to help with different ways of advertising these. Concern was expressed about the waste left by Anglian Water in the ditch.
Edwardstone Parish Hall Management Committee
D Clark thanked the PC for their work and their financial help for the upkeep of the hall. Without it it would be necessary to increase hire charges by around one third to run the hall effectively. She thanked B Hurren for his help in getting the disabled toilets repaired. Her plant stall made around £550 last year. Bookings are steady and the hiring out of tables and chairs is also good. The hall must cover costs by hiring or it is not sustainable and they have just managed to do that this year. This means that fundraising (such as plant sales) can be used for improvements. They want to improve the kitchen with a new cooker and other items, turn the second door into the kitchen into a stable door and update the flooring.

