

**EDWARDSTONE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 15 May 2017**  
**at Edwardstone Parish Hall**

**In the Chair:** M Childs

**Present:** S Norman, C Britcher, P Baker, J Finch (SCC), B Hurren (BDC), A Robinson (Clerk), W Paddon (Edwardstone Parish Hall); S Bourne (Suffolk Constabulary)

1. **Welcome** – M Childs welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Minutes** – The Minutes of the meeting of 16 May 2016 were approved, proposed M Childs, seconded P Baker, and signed.
3. **Report from Suffolk County Council** – J Finch gave his report, which is attached to these Minutes. In addition he said that he was pushing for additional broadband rollout, and aiming to support rural businesses.
4. **Report from Babergh District Council** – B Hurren thanked the Parish Council for inviting him to his 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting. He reported that he was very disappointed at the decision to move BDC and MSDC out of District to Endeavour House in Ipswich, particularly as there will be no hub in Hadleigh. Devolution is no longer on the agenda. The size of the District Councils will be reduced in 2 years. Housing is the largest part of his workload, but it is difficult to link social and private housing. He is proud of the installation of solar panels on council housing, which is proving profitable for BDC and the householders alike. Grants have been given to local communities but have been reduced this year. Local planning issues have been fairly low key. The phone mast on the A1071 has been installed and he will be chasing to have it switched on as soon as possible. He remains on the Joint Scrutiny Committee for both Councils and is the BDC representative on Ipswich CAB. He remains as chair of Pin Mill Bay Management Community Interest Company but has stood down after 10 years as chair of the Quay Theatre, although he is still a volunteer. He has been liaising with Edwardstone Parish Hall Management Committee regarding funding for the repairs needed to the disabled toilet. S Norman asked why textiles were no longer being collected with the recycling and B Hurren advised that he would find out and let her know.
5. **Report from Suffolk Constabulary** – S Bourne provided an update on current policing in the area. There are no beat officers and at present he is the only officer on duty after 6pm. He advised that if the Parish Council had any issues such as speeding vehicles it should email SNT and it will be passed on to speed enforcement.
6. **Reports on Edwardstone Organisations**  
**Edwardstone Parish Hall Management Committee**  
W Paddon reported that following the offer of assistance from BDC they had been waiting to hear from their insurers whether they could go ahead with the work. The insurers had advised that they could do so and D Clark is completing the application forms. It is proving difficult to fund the hall from hire charges and the Committee is grateful for the grant from the Parish Council. This and fundraising from events such as the quiz night and D Clark's plant sales keeps the hall going. He provided a financial report which is attached to these Minutes.
7. **Financial Report** – The Clerk provided a financial report covering the Parish Council's financial position and this is attached to these Minutes.
8. **Chairman's Report**  
M Childs thanked everyone for coming.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.42 pm.

Chairman

Date