Stoke by Clare
Parish Council

Minutes of the Stoke by Clare Annual Parish Meeting
held at 7.30pm on Monday 22nd May 2023 at
The Barn, Ashen Road, Stoke by Clare

Present

Parish Councillors:

Giles Dadd (Chairman)	Kevin Nicholls
Justin Blake James	Edwin Smith
Jane Kiddy	Paul Vincent
Roger McKenny	

Also present:

Councillor B Bennett	Suffolk County Council
Councillor N Clarke	West Suffolk Council
Councillor M Rushbrook	West Suffolk Council

Parish Clerk: Judith Dignum

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K Richardson (West Suffolk Council).

1. **Chairman's Welcome**
   The Chairman welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending.

2. **Minutes: Annual Parish Meeting, 9 May 2022**
   The Council confirmed the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9 May 2022 which were signed by the Chairman.

3. **Public Questions and Representations**
   None received.

4. **Reports by Village Charities and Organisations**
   The Council received with thanks reports as set out below:

   a) Stoke by Clare Community Shop – report by Mrs K Dadd, Committee Chairman

   b) Stoke by Clare Village Hall – report by Mr T McKenny, Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee, and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2023.

   c) Parish Church of St John the Baptist – Annual report and financial statements for the year to 31 December 2022

   d) Stoke by Clare Football Club – report by Cllr Edwin Smith, Hon. Secretary and Club Captain

   e) The Record – report by Mr T McKenny

f) Bowls Club – report by Cllr Kevin Nicholls, Club Chairman

g) Stoke by Clare Parish Charity – report of the Trustees and statement of Income and Expenditure

h) Mary Barnes Charity – report by Cllr Roger McKenny, Charity Trustee.
Cllr McKenny reported that, unfortunately, the Charity had received no grant applications during the previous year. New applications would be welcome, and eligibility for assistance extended to all residents of Stoke by Clare.

Written reports and accounts will be published on the Parish Council website and reports not yet received will be published and circulated when available.

5. Report by County Councillor for Clare Electoral Division
The Council received with thanks the annual report of County Councillor Bobby Bennett.

6. Report by District Councillors for Clare, Hundon and Kedington Ward
The Council received with thanks the annual report of West Suffolk Councillors Nick Clarke, Karen Richardson and Marion Rushbrook and noted the latest position regarding the political balance of that council following the Local Government Elections on 4 May.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Bennett, Clarke, Richardson and Rushbrook for their help and hard work during the year.

7. Chairman's Report
The Council received the report of the Chairman, Councillor Giles Dadd, in which he reviewed the life and events of the Village over the past year and looked forward to the year ahead. Cllr Dadd thanked all councillors for their efforts during the previous year and welcomed Cllrs Kevin Nicholls and Paul Vincent to membership, following the Local Government elections earlier in the month.

Members thanked the Chairman for his report.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed…….

Chairman
29 May 2024