

**MINUTES OF PARHAM  
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
7pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023  
*Parham Village Hall*

**1. Chair's welcome**

Michael Block, as Chair of the Parish Council, welcomed everyone.

Present:

Michael Block	Michael Gray	James Rogers	Claire Adams
Jason Wood	Charlotte Stanley	Jonathan Cottrell	Marjorie Gibbs
Tony Gibbs	Kath Kindred	Peter Kindred	District Cllr. Owen Grey
County Cllr. Stephen Burroughes		Lydia Kirk (minute taker)	

**2. Apologies for absence were received from District Cllr. Langdon-Morris**

**3. The Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were noted as an accurate record of the meeting.**

**4. There were no matters arising.**

**5. Michael Block reported on Parham Parish Council.** The recent Parish election was uncontested but Parham does have a full cohort of Councillors. The Parish Council agreed not to hold an event for the Coronation as there was insufficient interest from residents.

**6. There was no report from the Village Hall Committee.**

**7. The Village Recorders' report has not yet been received but is nearly complete.**

**8. Peter Kindred provided a verbal report from Parham Airfield Museum.** It has been another successful year for the Museum, with 100 visitors most Sundays and often over 100 on Wednesdays during the school holidays. Several American descendants have visited, and four coach loads of groups are booked in over this season. There is increasing interest in the British Resistance Organisation, with people keen to research their relatives to establish if they were an Auxilier.

There is a hard core of volunteers who are very dedicated, but more volunteers are always needed.

This summer marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 390<sup>th</sup> US airmen arriving in Parham and there will be an open day to help mark this on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

The Museum is financially sound and continues to make improvements.

**9. The Corrance School Trust awarded 16 grants totalling £800 over the year.** Funds were raised for the Trust over three events, including the Parish Council's Jubilee BBQ. The full report will be published on the website.

**10. Michael Gray confirmed that the Biodiversity Group has not met since the pandemic and as such there was nothing to report.**

*Copies of all written reports have been filed with these minutes.*

**11. A report from the County Councillor was provided and has been published on the village website.** Cllr. Burroughes then gave a verbal report. He has recently stepped down as a District Councillor but is still Parham's County Councillor and is two

years into his four year term. It has been an unusual year with the death of HM Queen Elizabeth and the Coronation of King Charles.

He was pleased to report that SCC has appointed a new Highways contractor who will start in October.

200,000 new trees have been planted across Suffolk in an attempt to help reduce the county's carbon footprint. Michael Block asked if there would be any provision to look after these trees once they have been planted and Cllr. Burroughes confirmed that he thought that this was the case.

*Cllr. Burroughes left the meeting at this point.*

**District Cllr. Grey gave a short report.** He and Cllr. Langdon-Morris hope to attend as many meetings of Parish Councils in their Ward as possible.

Michael Block asked why he had not received any campaign literature from D.Cllr Grey, to which he responded that his election campaign was mainly self-funded and sadly he could not leaflet each house across the ward.

D.Cllr. Grey gave some information on his working background and personal life and pledged his time and commitment to the ward.

### **District Councillor**

#### **12. Open Forum**

Michael Block asked if the Katch bus initiative is being ran by Suffolk County Council. He asked why it goes to Snape, and not Woodbridge or Saxmundham where people could do their shopping. He asked if the service could also be extended to run in the evening. Cllr. Burroughes confirmed that it is not ran by SCC but thought that if there was sufficient need, there might be the scope to extend the service.

Tony Gibbs enquired about recent communication from Dr Dan Poulter MP regarding East Anglia's green energy initiative. Cllr. Grey didn't know about this but would look into it. The clerk advised that there is a feature on this in Framlingham Town Council's annual newsletter that has been delivered recently to everyone in Parham.

Peter Kindred commented on his dissatisfaction with Framlingham Medical Practise. When he needed a doctor's appointment, he was given one in five weeks time, but his wife who has changed to Wickham Market surgery was given one on the same day. Why are there so many problems with Framlingham doctors at the moment? The surgery is often empty but it is still very difficult to get a face-to-face appointment. D.Cllr. Grey is aware of these concerns about Framlingham doctor's and will be looking into it further. Whilst it is mainly out of his remit, putting pressure on at county level might help to see some improvement.

*Michael Block thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was closed at 7.50pm.*