

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7pm on Tuesday 7th July 2020
Parham Village Hall

1. Chairman's welcome

Michael Gray, as Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed everyone. There were 6 residents present.

2. Apologies were received from James Rogers and Peter Kindred.

3. The Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 14th May 2019 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. There were no matters arising

5. Michael Gray reported on Parham Parish Council. Since the last meeting every house in the village had been delivered a leaflet advising them of help on offer in the village. There were 20-30 volunteers and only 2 households requesting help. He thanked all for leaflet dropping and offering help during the pandemic. He noted that several people were carrying out their own support schemes for neighbours.

The new footpath bridge between Moat Farm land and Hacheston has now been completed. The planning application for Sizewell C has been submitted. The new housing development along the B1116 is due to start in autumn.

The Parish Scan, completed 20 years ago for the Millennium, has now been placed online. Large, laminated maps of the village and local footpaths have been placed in the telephone box. Mr Gray thanked Jason Wood for his hard work coordinating the fibre broadband project on North Green. The work is nearly finished and disturbance to the village green has been minimal. There have been complaints about light pollution over the substation at Hacheston. It is noted that there shouldn't be any night lights when construction has finished. MG thanked the Parish Clerk for her hard work during Covid 19 and preparing for the annual meetings.

6. The Village Recorder provided a written report detailing changes in the village over the year. This was circulated prior to the meeting and shared on the village website.

7. Parham Airfield Museum. A written report was provided and circulated online and on the website prior to the meeting. The museum remains closed presently due to Covid 19.

8. Corrance School Trust A written report for the accounts ending 31st March 2020 was provided. Seven grants totaling £320 were given. The report was circulated before the meeting and also uploaded to the village website.

9. Michael Gray, as Chairman of the Biodiversity Group, gave a verbal report. It has been a quiet year so far for the biodiversity group as Covid-19 has limited what they can carry out. Trees and scrub have been cut back along Low Road, as have trees on Mill Green. MG has two baby barn owls in his four boxes, and noted that lower numbers were normal for drier years. There have been more sightings of red kites in the village. Deer numbers continue to increase, with Chinese water deer now being seen locally as well as the more common roe, fallow and muntjac deer.

- 10. A written report was received from the Community Speedwatch scheme and shared prior to the meeting.** A copy of it will be placed on the village website.

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

- 11. There were no questions on the above**

- 12. Open Forum**

No issues were raised for discussion at a future Parish Council meeting.

Michael Gray thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was closed at 7.25pm.