

Mendlesham Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Main Hall, Mendlesham on Tuesday 18 April 2023 at 7.30pm.

1. Present: Cllrs A Davey (Chairperson), M Exley, D Foster, N Foster, B Gardiner, H Orton, E Ward, S Jones (Parish Clerk) SCC/MSDC Cllr Stringer and 15 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs P Allen S Judd, D Lummis and D Nunn. Apologies also received from Mrs Shirley Furze.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.To approve the minutes of the last parish meeting held on 19.4.22.

Pages 534-535 inclusive were approved for accuracy, signed and dated by the Chairperson.

Organisation reports pages 536-546 are also appended to these minutes.

Another member of the public arrived.

4. Reports:

a) Cllr Davey, Chairperson of Mendlesham Parish Council:
See report as appended to these minutes.

b) Reports from Mendlesham Organisations:

See reports as appended to these minutes for the following:

Cllr Stringer: Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council reports. No questions asked.

1st Mendlesham Scout Group. No questions asked.

No more reports forthcoming.

4. Any other matter raised by a member of the public:

A resident reported his concerns about local drug dealers and inactivity by Suffolk Police despite many reports.

After discussion, including information from Cllr Stringer, it was noted that:

Suffolk Police work may not always be apparent to members of the public, with work and priorities to seek those further back in the County Lines.

Antisocial behavior related to drugs should also be reported to Mid Suffolk District Council.

It was noted that residents had to report themselves, but anyone finding it difficult to report online could ask the Clerk to help them find where to report.

5.Any other business: none.

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After a short break for refreshments, the meeting resumed.

6. Mendlesham Parish Council Community Awards:
Community Awards were presented to:

Volunteer of the Year Award : Julie Williams

Lifetime Achievement Award : Leslie (Bub) Lummis)

Lifetime Achievement Award: John Downey.

(Clerks note: Further information regarding why, can be found on the Mendlesham web site).

Meeting closed 9pm

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