



# Wingfield Parish Council

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## Annual Parish Meeting, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Wingfield and Syleham Village Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Attendance:** Lee Smith (Chairman), Tony Jolly (Vice Chairman), Dennis Murray, Melanie Murray, Robin Feaveayear, Charlotte Claxton, Lavinia Haddingham (MSDC member)

**Apologies:** Guy Matthias, David Young (Clerk)

**Residents present:** One

**Declaration of interest:** None

### AGM

1. LS was nominated by MM and seconded by CC to be re-appointed as the Chairman. Owing to pressures of work he requested for a volunteer to assume the role. GM has indicated that he would be willing to assume the role of Vice Chairman replacing TJ who wishes to stand down. LS duly nominated GM (in his absence), seconded by DM. These will be discussed at the next ordinary PC meeting.
2. The Suffolk County Council and Mid-Suffolk Council reports for the year 2022/3 had been previously received. The PC held four meetings during the period.
3. The finances of the PC as of 20<sup>th</sup> April stood at £12,863.44p
4. Julie Thompson outlined the work being carried out to repair the infrastructure at the Wingfield and Syleham village hall. This included two windows replaced and painting to be done. A grant has been applied for to MSDC to make repairs to the roof.
5. On the 6<sup>th</sup> May, the coronation of King Charles III was celebrated at J's meadow and the village in Syleham. Many residents attended and feedback demonstrated that a good day was had by all. Julie Thompson was thanked for all the organising and to the volunteers on the day.
6. Lorraine Ware presented a report on Wingfield held its Bi-annual Open Gardens Weekend held on the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> June. Good weather attracted many visitors not just from the local villages but from farther afield. More than 400 tickets were sold and with plant sales, food and drink and raffles, £4,360 was raised to be divided between St Andrews church funds and St Elizabeth Hospice. This more than doubles the previous total raised in the last pre-covid open Gardens.  
Thanks go to Jackie, James and Holly Taylor, Lorraine Ware, Trudy Feavereayear, Sue Clarke, Rev. Canon Eleanor Goodison and Rev. John McCracken, Anna Fielding O'Farrell and Anne North at the Wingfield Barns, Melanie and Dennis Murray, and all the volunteers, and especially all the residents who willingly opened their gardens and without whom the event could not take place.
7. The May council and parish council elections saw the Green party become the majority on the Mid-Suffolk council although LH retained her seat. Congratulations to her were expressed and the PC looked forward to her continuing involvement in Wingfield affairs. Melanie Murray, who

was elected unopposed, was welcomed as the new member, replacing Rosemary Elliot who stood down at the end of last year.

### **Parish Council meeting**

1. The condition of 'Low Road' has still not been resolved. It still requires that individual requests are made to Suffolk County Council roads department. A resident complained that the poor state of Vicarage Road was making it difficult for her using her mobility scooter. This road was promised by SCC to be resurfaced six months after British Telecoms has finished laying the Broadband to the village. LH suggested that an E-mail to SCC roads be sent and include her in it.
2. There is a problem with the pavement outside no. 13, Castle Crescent. LH will progress this through MSDC.
3. After reports of infringements of the 30mph speed limit outside the old school, a second pole is recommended to be placed by the old telephone box to affix the speed warning sign. LH to liaise with DY on obtaining one. In a similar vein it is suggested that a 30mph speed sign be placed in Church Road as a reminder.
4. Quotes for clearing the bushes on the common by the castle are being pursued.
5. A resident reported about her neighbours who are allowing their trees to overgrow onto her garden. As a council tenant she has reported it to MSDC with no response A discussion ensued where it was decided that this is not an issue for the PC. However, after the meeting, a course of action has been identified which will be discussed to the resident.
6. The New car park surface at Wingfield Barns is slowly progressing but various issues are delaying completion.
7. The Oral History signage for two roads has not yet been completed as we await input from a resident.
8. Residents are invited to present any new ideas to the PC for any improvements to the village.

Meeting ended at 8:10

**Date of Next Meeting: 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Wingfield and Syleham Village Hall**

*Draft until signed.*

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_