

STEDHAM WITH IPING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2022

Minutes: Stedham with Iping Annual Parish Meeting 2022

Held on: Thursday 22nd September 2022- 7:00pm at Stedham Memorial Hall

Present:

Simon Barnard Chair of the Parish Council & Chair of the Meeting

Morag Birch Clerk to the Parish Council (prepared notes)

Approximately 35 Parishioners including members of the Parish Council

The Parish Meeting is a statutory meeting and should normally assemble between 1st March and 1st June, but this hasn't been possible over the last couple of years because of Covid. The meetings will return to the proper schedule in 2023.

Two plenary sessions were held at the beginning and toward the end of the evening to allow for questions and/or general discussion.

1. Welcome & Introduction (Simon Barnard):

1.1. The plan for the evening was summarised as follows:

The APM on the 22nd September trialled a new format, ie not the formal, sit-down meeting as previously held. Local clubs and organisations had been advised of the new format and asked to publicise their activities by either wearing a name badge so they can be easily identified or by setting up a "show & tell" stall. The aim was to allow Electors to choose who they wanted to chat to and when.

The PC had identified a number of issues to be addressed, as follows, and had printed comment sheets so Electors preferences could be recorded. A summary of the results is attached.

- What should be done with the money generated by the Jubilee Fete held on 5th June 2022
- The Council needs to canvas opinion of the Parish with regard to the management of the River Rother so it can represent the Parish to The Environment Agency. A copy of the briefing sheet is attached.
- Rewilding project, in particular, where to plant wild daffodils

1.2. Apologies had been received from Kate O'Kelly(WSCC Councillor), Judy Fowler(CDC Councillor), Steve Webster(Sussex Wildlife Trust), Reverend Trish Bancroft, Local PCSOs

1.3. Show & Tell stalls as follows:

- Stedham with Iping Women's Institute
- Stedham & Iping Churches
- Stedham Memorial Hall
- Stedham Churchyard Survey
- Stedham with Iping Parish Council

1.4. Representatives wearing Name Badges as follows:

- Stedham Horticultural Society

1.5. It was agreed the draft minutes for last year's APM on 23rd November 2021 could be approved for signature.

2. Sum-up (Simon Barnard)

2.1. Key points as follow:

- It was disappointing that relatively few parishioners had turned out for the meeting

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- General consensus was that, the new format was a success and should be continued

3. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date between 1st March and 1st June 2023.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm

Chair:

Date: