

STEDHAM WITH IPING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2024

Notes: Stedham with Iping Annual Parish Meeting 2024

Held on: Wednesday 29th May 2024 - 7:00pm at Stedham Memorial Hall

Present:

Neil Read	Chair of the Parish Council & Chair of the Meeting
Morag Birch	Clerk to the Parish Council (prepared notes)

Terry Stevens	Parish Councillor
Ruth Cooper	Parish Councillor
Amanda Hollingshead	Parish Councillor
Hannah Burton	Parish Councillor & CDC Councillor

Emma Blumlein	Women's Institute
Hannah Raishbrook	Women's Institute
Jane Crawford	Church Warden & Midhurst Area Cycling
Penny Baxter-Glidewell	Stedham Memorial Hall

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Stedham School Headmaster, Jessica Fuller-Brown(CDC Councillor), Jessica Simon(Parish Councillor), Rachael Wildman(Parish Councillor)
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** No notes for APM held on 31st May 2023. Meeting was held as an open forum, as done in 2022, but the turn out was very poor and nothing significant was raised or discussed.
3. **Stedham Women's Institute (Emma Blumlein)**
The presentation is attached and can be viewed on the Parish Council Website.
4. **Stedham Primary School**
Summary presented by Amanda Hollingshead(Parent) on behalf of the School:
 - Ofsted inspection this year – full report can be downloaded from the school's website <https://www.stedham.w-sussex.sch.uk/web>
 - Links with Rake and Rogate primary schools
 - Cricket team is making good progress
 - Summer Fete
 - Sports Day
5. **Stedham with Iping Churches (Jane Crawford)**
The presentation is attached and can be viewed on the Parish Council Website.
6. **Midhurst Area Cycling(Jane Crawford)**
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7. **Chichester District Council Report(Hannah Burton)**

Main points as follows:

- Noted Councillors are in “purdah” - The pre-election period, ie the period of time immediately before elections or referendums when specific restrictions on communications activity are in place

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- Key success was agreement with Hyde Housing Association to stop selling their rural properties and to agree to spend upto £25k per house to get them to current building standards
- CDC still have money in reserve which enabled a grant of £180k over 3 years to be given to Western Sussex Rivers Trust (previously Arun & Rother RT) for the improvement of local chalk streams
- Midhurst Business Partnership established this year to increase number of visitors coming to the town
- Midhurst Vision – completed the wildflower area. Next project is to improve the bus terminal area
- Angel Hotel – insurance companies still in discussion.

8. STEDHAM MEMORIAL HALL(Penny Baxter-Glidewell)

Main points as follows:

- Efforts to try increase use of Hall met with some success, but difficult because of limited parking
- Decision for a series of events to be run by SMH committee, first of which is the Summer Drinks on 6th July followed by a Race Night, Quiz Night and a fourth event still to be decided. Efforts being put in to increase attendance to the weekly Film Night
- A plaque in memory of the late John Hills will be fixed to SMH wall and unveiled on 9th June
- Thanks to the WI for their very successful Christmas Fair
- Thanks to the Parish Council for facilitating the provision of a portrait of the King now in place in the Hall

9. PARISH COUNCIL(Neil Read)

A copy of the Chair's Report is attached and can be viewed on the Parish Council Website

SIPC Budget: 2023-24 – A copy is attached and can be viewed on the Parish Council Website

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- No plans to request a speed reduction on the A272 from 60mph to 50mph. The Parish Council is currently working on 2 Traffic Regulation Orders for a reduction from 60mph to 30mph through Iping and from 30mph to 20mph in Stedham
- Concern raised with regard to National Trust plans to convert fields either side of Stedham Lane to wooded pastures and will be used to graze cows. **ACTION:** Parish Council to follow-up and find out further information.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Suggested timing is sometime in April, date to be decided.

Meeting closed at 8:10pm

Chair:Date: