

STEDHAM WITH IPING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2021

Minutes: Stedham with Iping Annual Parish Meeting 2021

Held on: Tuesday 23rd November 2021- 7:00pm at Stedham Memorial Hall

Present:

Simon Barnard
Morag Birch

Chair of the Parish Council & Chair of the Meeting
Clerk to the Parish Council (took the minutes)

In Attendance:

PC Jack Keen	Police Community Support Officer
Steve Webster	Reserves Manager Sussex Wildlife Trust
Hannah Stanley	Horticultural Society
Bill Crawshaw	Stedham Memorial Hall
Neil Ryder	START Community Trust
Reverend Trish Bancroft	Stedham & Iping Churches
David Burton	Stedham Sports Association
Kate O'Kelly	West Sussex County Council
Judy Fowler & Gordon McAra	Chichester District Council

Approximately 35 Parishioners including members of the Parish Council

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Madeline Pike (Parish Councillor)
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes of APM held on 24th April 2019, which had been previously copied to the scheduled speakers, were signed by the Chair.

3. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

PC Jack Keen summarised the role of a PCSO as a key part of the local (West Sussex) policing service with a focus on getting to know and be known by the local community, to build relationships and to try and prevent crime, principally car theft in this area. Crime reporting should be done as follows: emergencies by calling 999, suspicious by calling 101, other information can be reported via the Sussex Police Website. <https://www.sussex.police.uk>. He kindly offered to provide his email address for any queries or questions. (Please contact the clerk at clerk@stedhamwithiping-pc.gov.uk)

4. IPING AND STEDHAM COMMONS

A copy of presentation attached.

5. HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A copy of the presentation is attached

6. WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Emma Blumlein was unable to attend the meeting a copy of the planned presentation is attached.

7. STEDHAM MEMORIAL HALL

Covid restrictions meant income from normal activities in 2021 was severely reduced. However, the Hall applied for and received a government Business Interruption Grant and as a result the finances and reserves are in good shape. Happily, many of the regular village activities have now resumed including monthly film shows, Hortsoc, WI, Harvest Supper and Church Coffee Morning and in October the first of two live theatre productions. The second will follow in March. Bill Crawshaw thanked Sue Payne for her many years running the Lunch Club and wished her well in her retirement. He was pleased that Hannah Burton would be looking at ways of taking the Club forward. He also thanked the other members of the Committee and welcomed new members, Penny Glidewell and Charlotte Evans.

Details of events and classes are available on the website <https://www.stedhamvillagehall.com>

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8. START

A copy of the presentation is attached. Neil Ryder particularly mentioned that more representation from Stedham is needed. A lifetime membership just costs £1.00

9. STEDHAM & IPING CHURCHES

The churches are generally back to normal service after the recent disruption caused by the Coronavirus pandemic. Many weddings and baptisms had to be postponed during the last months but Reverend Trish Bancroft was pleased to confirm that many of the weddings and baptisms have now taken place with one wedding being held for the first time in 7 years at Iping Church. The repairs to Stedham Church roof had been completed and a new, automated system for the clock had also been installed. Both churches are in need of constant attention and are difficult to maintain. It is well known that rural churches are struggling, financially, and with lower numbers of people especially because of the pandemic, we are exploring ways in which we can grow and be sustainable. We have been asked as a benefice to work with the diocese to pilot a growth course, this will start in the new year. Hopefully this will eventually help us and others in the diocese.

10. STEDHAM SPORTS ASSOCIATION

It has been a very quiet two years for the SSA but the we are now open again and things are getting back to normal. We have developed a new website which can be accessed by following this link: <http://www.stedhampavilion.co.uk>. It provides the latest information on activities and any restrictions because of Covid-19. The main event this year was a very successful fireworks display on 5th November. Over 150 people attended.

Our biggest issue over a number of years has been flooding caused by blocked drains. After many years of reporting the problem to Southern Water the problem now seems to have been identified and fixed.

11. LUNCH CLUB

As previously mentioned, Sue Payne retired after many years running the Lunch Club, Hannah Burton, who recently joined the Parish Council, has volunteered to try and keep the club going. Plans are still at an early stage but some progress has been made. Volunteers have come forward and Hannah discussing the best way forward with other organisation that run similar clubs. Please contact Hannah at hannah.burton@stedhamwithiping-pc.gov.uk if you have any queries or suggestions.

12. STEDHAM CAMPSITE

Colin Hughes explained that the Midhurst Youth Trust has its objective the well-being of young people in the Midhurst and Rother Valley area and, as such, arranged to buy the site after its closure by WSCC so the campsite could remain in use. The campsite is consistently fully booked by Youth/Community groups, Schools, Educational Courses and Duke of Edinburgh training. It is not a public campsite and does not take booking from individuals. The money made goes back into services for young people.

13. WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

A copy of presentation attached.

14. CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL

A copy of presentation attached.

15. PARISH COUNCIL

A copy of the Chair's and Finance Reports are attached

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was a call at the meeting for a significant celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2021 rather than of VE75+2 as currently planned by the Parish Council. **ACTION:** Parish Council to canvas wider opinion and act according to the general consensus.

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A request was made for the Parish Council to investigate the possibility of upgrading the Bridlepath, between Iping and Stedham, to a Cycleway. **ACTION:** Council to follow-up

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date between 1st March and 1st June 2022.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm

Chair:

Date: