

# COTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 10 May 2023 at 7.30pm in Cotton Village Hall

**Present:** Sarah Wenban (SW) (Chairman), Paul Howlett (PH) (Vice Chairman), Peter Gibbs (PG), Beryl Ellis (BE), Trevor Woods (TW), David Rayner (DR) (Clerk), and 3 members of the public.

100523/01 Sarah Wenban as Chairman of Cotton Parish Council welcomed all to the meeting.

100523/02 **Apologies:** none

100523/03 **Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 11 May 2022 were approved and all present agreed for SW to sign these as an accurate record of the meeting.

100523/04 **Bacton & Cotton Local History Society:** The Chairman gave a verbal report confirming the group meet on the third Tuesday of the month in Bacton village hall, excluding July, August and December. For more information, please visit <http://cotton.onesuffolk.net/our-village/clubs-groups/bacton-and-cotton-local-history-society/> The chairman is stepping down at the June meeting after 12 years and the treasurer is stepping down at the same time after 11 year. If no one comes forward to take their places the society will fold. The meetings are usually attended by between 20 and 25 people.

100523/05 **Parish Council Accounts:** SW explained that DR is new to the roll and the final Parish Accounts will be signed off at a meeting in June. DR gave a verbal report and pointed out that if the Jubilee expenditure is taken out, as this was allocated against a specific line in the reserves, and adjust for the Council spending just over £1,700 on a new notice board, which was not in the budget, the resulting general overspend for the year was just £134. Once completed and agreed, the accounts will be published on the website.

Signed:

Date:

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- 100523/06 **Parish Council Chairman's report:** The Parish Council Chairman gave a brief report; the full report is appended.
- 100523/07 A member of the public raised issues with all the building going on in Bacton that we are still using the same health Centre mainly based in Mendlesham with a small branch surgery in Bacton. They were also concerned with future development of the land at the Grange in Bacton as 30 acres of arable land has been unused for years and they are afraid they are waiting to get planning permission for yet more houses which increases the pressure on the infrastructure of the villages.
- 100523/08 A member of the public was concerned with the speed of vehicles past Lawes which they suspect are Police high speed training runs and are concerned that somebody will get killed soon and the practice should be stopped. There are about 4 of these high-speed emergency vehicles going through each day. The Parish Council will raise the matter with the Community Policing team and see if these suspicions are valid.
- 100523/09 A brief update on the pylon's situation was given. There is not much currently to report as we are waiting for the review that is being carried out by the Electricity Supply Operator.
- 100523/10 **Date of the next meeting:** Noting that the meeting must be held between March 1 and June 1. It was agreed to hold the next Annual Parish meeting on 8 May 2024.

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