

**MINUTES OF STOKESBY WITH HERRINGBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD AT STOKESBY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 2024
AT 7PM**

The Parish Council Chairman, Richard Youngs, presided and the following Councillors were present:-

Ed Wharton, Richard Youngs, Rob Lloyd and Philip Crane. The Parish Clerk and Borough Councillor Adrian Thompson were also present. There were five members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Councillor Andy Grant and PC Gary May had sent apologies.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10TH MAY 2023

The minutes were read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING

None.

4. PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

a. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report was presented by Richard Youngs (**Appendix A**).

b. Financial Report

The Financial Report was presented by the Clerk (**Appendix B**).

5. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER REPORTS

i. County Councillor

No report.

ii. Borough Councillor

Adrian Thompson reported that the staining of the bus shelter would be done as soon as possible. From 1st June 2024 there would be a Saturday bus service on the No. 7, and Adrian would be surveying whether there was an appetite for a link with Runham and Stokesby.

Adrian had purchased the 80th Anniversary Peace Flag, however there was no flagpole. It could be put onto the Village Green.

The seesaw was in the budget for the coming year.

The dyke work was in hand.

The land at Filby Road had received a refusal notice, and there was a TPO order on the site.

The enforcement for the fence was in hand, and a hedge was being look on more favourably.

iii. Police

The Police reports were circulated as received and information was available on the website.

iv. Website

The report from Richard Dixon was presented (**Appendix C**).

- v. Sports and Social Club
Stuart Ward reported that the social club was going well, Friday nights were a little quieter however quizzes were being run, and it was still ticking along. A membership night would be arranged shortly.
- vi. Poors Marshes
Ed Wharton reported that the charity met just before Christmas, there were 19 recipients with each household receiving £150. The government subsidy was reducing year on year until 2027 when this would be removed. Sustainable Farming Incentive had been applied for alongside the Countryside Stewardship Scheme.
- vii. Community Centre
Rob Lloyd presented his report (**Appendix D**).
- viii. Fete Working Group
Rob Lloyd presented his report (**Appendix E**). It was suggested that volunteers could be recruited at the social club membership night.
- ix. Defibrillator
Ed Wharton reported that he checked the defibrillator every month. Consumables needed occasional replacement and it had not been deployed recently. Ed was thanked for his work with this.
- x. Parochial Church Council
Richard Youngs reported that he had spoken to the PCC regarding the potential funding withdrawal for the burial ground.

6. GENERAL PARISH ISSUES

None.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Stuart Ward noted that a pear tree had come down in the Bowling Green damaging the neighbouring fence. There had been a couple of sheds cleared up however the asbestos roofs were still there. Ed noted that there would be an asbestos skip which this could go to on his farm, and Stuart noted that he had a waste transfer licence and could do the duty of care. There was also some at the Community Centre that needed removing.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Chairman's Report

I think we have all been conscious of the fact money is decreasing from GYBC this year and with this in mind, we have been responsible for not exposing the parish to any unnecessary financial commitments.

Having said that it is a pleasure to see the new play equipment being used by local and holiday children alike. The speed awareness camera is now working well and we still need someone to analyse its data. Many thanks to parish councillors and parishioners for their time, assistance, support and hard work in keeping our village maintained and thriving.

Final thanks must go to Adrian for all his hard work and support, and Catherine for her administration and advice in telling me what I can and can't say or do. Thank you all.

Richard Youngs
May 2024

Stokesby with Herringby Parish Council
Accounts for year ending 31st March 2024

	2023/24	<i>Budget</i> <i>2023/24</i>	2022/23
Income			
Precept	£ 5,598.00	£5,598.00	£ 5,447.00
Council Tax Support Grant	£ -	£0.00	£ 176.00
Concurrent Functions	£ 2,731.00	£2,731.00	£ 2,731.00
Interest	£ 520.19		£ 171.41
Misc	£ 1.15		£ 1.15
Grants	£ 800.00		£ 12,072.50
S106	£ -		£ -
CIL	£ -		£ -
VAT	£ 718.10		£ 250.00
Total	£ 10,368.44	£ 8,329.00	£ 20,849.06
Expenditure			
Concurrent - Churchyard	£ 800.00	£800.00	£ 800.00
Concurrent - Open Spaces	£ 1,275.00	£1,250.00	£ 1,170.00
Clerk's Salary	£ 2,457.00	£2,375.00	£ 2,159.81
Mileage	£ -		£ -
Subscriptions	£ 134.29	£243.00	£ 168.82
Bank Charges	£ 72.00		£ 72.00
Audit	£ 50.00	£50.00	£ 45.00
Hall Hire	£ 300.00	£0.00	£ -
Insurance	£ 325.56	£300.00	£ 241.00
Capital Expenditure	£ 9,933.46	£0.00	£ 3,345.00
Repairs and Replacements	£ -	£250.00	£ 84.00
Administration	£ 66.00	£50.00	£ 30.00
Website	£ 114.00	£160.00	£ 161.50
Grants	£ -		£ -
Misc	£ -	£250.00	£ -
VAT	£ 2,009.54		£ 718.10
S137	£ 40.00	£40.00	£ 40.00
Contingency			£ -
Total	£ 17,576.85	£ 5,768.00	£ 9,035.23
Balance B/f	£ 24,686.83		£ 12,873.00

Income	£ 10,368.44	£ 20,849.06
Expenditure	£ 17,576.85	£ 9,035.23
Balance c/f	£ 17,478.42	£ 24,686.83

Represented by		
Main account	£ 139.83	£ 532.93
Deposit Account	£ 17,338.59	£ 24,153.90
Unpresented Cheques	£ -	£ -
	£ 17,478.42	£ 24,686.83

Earmarked Reserves

Street Furniture Fund	£ 5,236.00	£210.00	£ 5,026.00
<i>Village Sign (£175/year to 2034)</i>			
<i>4 Seats (£150/year to 2024)</i>			
<i>Notice Board (£30/year to 2024)</i>			
<i>Sand Compound (£130/year to 2023)</i>			
<i>3 Signs V Green (£45/year to 2024)</i>			
<i>Defib (£300/year to 2024)</i>			
<i>Defib Casing (£300/year to 2024)</i>			
<i>Staithe Repairs (£250/year to 2029)</i>			

Ex Youth Club Fund	£ 773.01		£ 773.01
Staithe	£ 1,500.00	£250.00	£ 1,250.00
Election Reserve	£ 2,150.00	£1,300.00	£ 850.00
Concurrent Funds Mitigation	£ 1,000.00	£500.00	£ 500.00
Play Equipment	£ 366.50		£ 9,500.00
General Reserve	£ 5,000.00		£ 5,000.00
	£ 16,025.51	£2,260.00	£ 22,899.01

Free Funds:	£ 1,288.86
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Stokesby Website

(stokesby.org.uk)

Annual Report for Stokesby Parish Council

2023/24

The Stokesby Website has continued to be a source of information for both the village and people wanting to visit this lovely area of Norfolk. The site has at the time of writing this report had been visited 35778 times this is an increase of over 7 thousand since my last report.

Each month I receive a report giving me a break down of where and what areas of the site receive the most attention. We are still receiving hits from various countries around the world these include Australia, America, and Holland.

The clerk to the Parish Council continues to have control of the Parish Council page and its contents, ensuring that all necessary documents and all legal requirements are up to date. Details and minutes of past and future parish council meetings can be found on this page.

The site now has the parish Resilience Plan page which outlines where and from whom people in the village can find help and assistance should there be a major emergency in the village.

The village and the various groups and clubs who use the village hall continue to be kept up to date through the pages of the website. The Stokesby Calendar, the Ferry Inn and Village Shop continue to be the most popular pages visited over the last year.

The page outlining the 'St Andrews Church Appeal', identifies the serious structural damage to the tower which needs repair. We hoped to have links so people can donate to the restoration fund. As to date these still need to be organised.

The Wix program which was used to design the site makes it easy to change the format of the pages which hopefully keep the site interesting for visitors.

Again, I would like to thank the Parish Council for their support in funding the hosting cost of the site. This are the only cost incurred in keeping the site up and running. It is appreciated that the parish council has to prioritise how they manage their funds, and we hope they will be able to continue supporting this resource.

Richard Dixon

Village Hall Chairman's Report

The last twelve months have been a very successful and productive period for the village hall, I'd firstly like to thank the commitment of my fellow officers, namely Steve Short the Treasurer and Anne Killett as Secretary. Also Richard Dixon, Deputy Chairman and Booking Clerk, and Ann Dixon in her role of events co-ordinator.

The village hall Committee has it's AGM on 14th May, Anne Killett has decided she will not be standing again as secretary, due to personal commitments, and I would like to pass on the thanks of the rest of the committee and specifically myself for all the help she has afforded me over the past twelve months.

There are still some major issues for us to deal with, not least the fire risk assessment for the village hall, which is ongoing, along with the continued planned maintenance programme to keep our lovely old building up and running.

Financially, we are fortunate to have a good income stream, which enables us to remain buoyant as running the hall does not come cheap. As landlords of the building, we also have to make sure that insurances, licences and servicing are not only kept up to date, but are legal. I would like to specifically mention Steve Short who, alongside his role as Treasurer, had given such a lot of his time for these matters, and whose tenacious attention to detail has ensured all of the above are in order.

We are fortunate to have had many social events in the village hall, that have not only raised significant funds, but have also brought together the community. I would like to thank the members of the social club committee who put on the various functions, not only the regular Friday night bar evenings, but also very successful quizzes, sports events on TV and various other events. There has been the beer festival, and the Northern Soul night amongst many others. My thanks goes to the social club team for maintaining this wonderful facility for the residents. Special tanks to Anne and Richard Dixon who have hosted the Christmas Quiz for many years, and they are looking for someone to take the baton for this years event.

Rob Lloyd, Village Hall Chairman
May 2024

2023 Summer Fete

The weather was extremely challenging on the day and we had to make a decision regarding how we were going to run the fete. Some stalls were set up in the village hall and some on the village green. Luckily we had plenty of public attendance and the afternoon was most enjoyable. It was also a profitable affair and the church, the village hall and the community chest received one third each of the profits.

We will be looking for volunteers to help organise the August 2024 fete which is due to take place on Saturday 3rd August, specifically we would like someone to volunteer to organise the raffle this year.

Rob Lloyd, Village Hall Chairman
May 2024