

DALHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

10 May 2023

PRESENT: Parish councillors Riddell (Chairman), Fitch, Aylott and Petchey

Also present: County Councillor Drummond, District Councillor Chester, Jonathon Aylott (Dalham Village Hall) and Antonia King - Parish Clerk

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Riddell.

Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed and introduced everyone to the meeting.

Approval of the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th May 2022

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed and signed as correct by the Chairman.

3. Reports:

a) Village Hall Report:

Chairman's Report 2022/2023 for the Dalham APM

This year has seen the hall receive an internal repaint, addition of brick paving to the rear of the Hall to allow the bins to be re-located away from the car park and new external lighting to replace the old units which had deteriorated. A grant of £1,600 (50% of the cost of the interior redecoration) was received from the Suffolk Council counsellor's locality budget.

We have held a number of very popular and successful events which have attracted new people to the Hall, these have included an October Wine Tasting, the November Festive Fayre, which generated proceeds of £1000, donated to St Mary's restoration fund, Mulled Wine and mince pies after the Carol Service, a Burns Night Dinner with singing and dancing, the return of Quiz Night, and most recently the Coronation Big Lunch.

Additionally, a pumpkin and sunflower growing competition was held along with inviting people to bring their apples to the hall to be crushed and pressed into juice at an apple day event.

We also produce a Village Calendar has again been a huge success with a large number of photos entered, and a good and rapid take-up of calendars which again sold out.

In addition to all these events we have seen good attendance at the regular Coffee Mornings held on the second Sunday of each month and fluctuating attendance at film nights where the popularity of the film has a huge impact on numbers.

As well as social events, the Hall continues to benefit the neighbourhood with weekly Keep Fit, Pilates and Boxing classes which are well attended and bring in regular income in addition to various private bookings for which reduced rates are available for villagers.

We look forward to another year with plenty of events being planned.

Jonathan Aylott
Chairman, Dalham Village Hall Committee.

b) Report by County Councillor Andy Drummond:

The full report is available on Dalham Parish Council's website at [Microsoft Word - Annual Prish Report 2023.docx \(onesuffolk.net\)](#)

4. Chair's Report by Cllr Riddell

The full report is available on Dalham Parish Council's website at [Chairmans-report-Dalham-and-Dunstall-Green-Parish-Council-2023.docx \(live.com\)](#)

5. Financial Report

The Parish Council's financial report is available on the Parish Council website at [Financial Information 2022 - 23 » Dalham Parish Council \(onesuffolk.net\)](#)

6. Comments and items of concern from members of the public present as well as any written representations received

None received.

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