



# East Rudham Parish Council

## Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 16 May 2023, 7.15pm

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Parish Councillors present: Malcolm Pearson MBE (Chairman), Tony Elburn (Vice Chairman), Sue Jones, Trevor Davis and Mark Tizard. Chris Morely (Borough Councillor). Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk), there were no members of the public present.

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**1. Welcome and to receive apologies for absence**

The Chairman welcomed those present.

Apologies were received from John Dawson and Rosemary Weeks. Apologies accepted.

**2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2022**

The minutes were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

To receive reports from:

**3. To hear from Malcolm Pearson, Chairman of the Parish Council, on the Council's year**

Please see appendix 1.

**4. To hear from Michael Chenery (County Councillor)**

Not present.

**5. To hear from Chris Morley (Borough Councillor)**

Cllr Morley thanked everyone who voted for him.

The BC budget was discussed, Cllr Morley will be heading up the finance department and the Council will now be looking to join with the labour party. Over the past year we have seen the loss of our Queen and Jubilee tokens were given to school children and the Royal Coronation whereby tokens were also delivered as keep sakes. The hospital is still in need, and they are going to lobby for grants from the government.

**6. Receive reports from local organisations**

There were none.

**7. To hear from members of the public and discuss any other business**

There were none.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at pm.

Signed by Chairman: ..... Date: .....

### **Chairman's Report 2023**

During the last year the number of Parish councillors held at seven rather than the full nine due to the resignation of Cllr Rachel Wade and the joining of Cllr Mark Tizard.

1. Every effort has been made to fill the vacancies but to date with no success. To summarise some of the Parish Council projects worked on over the last year. 1. The Play Park Scheme to replace aging equipment and the replacement of some Boundary fencing was completed. Sourcing of funding for the next phase to add additional equipment is ongoing and hopefully this can be completed this coming year.
2. Flashing School speed signs for the Village school were installed and are operational, a project helped by NCC. Parish Partnership Fund on a 50% basis. The 50% payment from the Parish Council was reduced further by a contribution from the Member's fund.
3. Houghton Estate and local land owners have undertaken maintenance of drainage ditches to ease flooding issues on the common footpath which we are grateful for.
4. Improvements at the Cemetery are continuing which includes removing broken grave surrounds and levelling headstones alongside computerising burial records and mapping the locations of graves At this point it remains to thank those councillors with specific tasks. Rosemary who compiles the Parish Newsletter which is well received by all. Tony for all the unpaid jobs he undertakes and Sue as MUGA rep and coordinator of the Oil buying scheme. Stonepit wood is cared for by John and Viv Dominy thanks to them for all their hard work. Thanks also to those non councillors who help keep the Council running. Jodie the Clerk, and Burial clerk, John Jones for his maintenance work and David Weir.