

# PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Report on the Annual Parish Meeting  
held at Peasehall Assembly Hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.00 pm.

1. Chair Cllr Barry Rowing welcomed the audience and explained the format of the meeting. Other councillors introduced themselves one by one and said what areas of community life they are interested in developing.
2. A talk entitled "Gardening for Wildlife" was presented by guest speaker Cathy Smith, Conservation Adviser of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. A summary of her talk is included below:

[Suffolk Wildlife Trust APM talk.pdf](#)

3. The report of the 2023 Annual Village Meeting was approved and signed.

#### **4. Public Forum**

- a) A member of the public said that access to the Assembly Hall is difficult for people with compromised mobility. Cllr Collins replied saying that the disabled access to the Hall is to be improved. An architect is currently working on plans, however any improvements are expensive.
- b) Another resident said that the state of the Gull is poor. There are plants in it and parts of it are breaking up, with concrete and rubble in it. Also there are overhanging branches on the pathway. District Cllr Ewart said the Council need to be firmer with SCC, to keep making them aware of village issues and to report potholes etc on the website reporting tool. People should be getting value for their money from SCC. It is hoped that some volunteers will be available to tidy up, repair and repaint in some areas of the village.
- c) A suggestion was made to follow "No-mow May" and not cut the cemetery grass this month. Cllr Rowing said it is important to remember that maintenance of the cemetery is for the families of people buried there who have paid, so a balance has to be kept. The first cut this year has been delayed anyway. In the autumn a new grass-cutting contract will be negotiated for next year and that is when changes can be made. The seat in the cemetery also needs some maintenance.
- d) There was also a request for some road signage warning of pedestrians along Mill Road where it is difficult to walk because the road is narrow and busy at times. Cllr Rowing will look into that.

#### 4. Reports

All the reports as listed can be found on the website [www.peasenhall.onesuffolk.net](http://www.peasenhall.onesuffolk.net)

County and District Councillors reports

Local MP report

Parish Council Chairman's report - Cllr Rowing

Peasenhall Assembly Hall report - Cllr Collins

Peasenhall United Charities - report read out by the clerk

The 'Gents Club' - report read out by the clerk

Peasenhall and Sibton Bowls Club - report read out by the clerk

Church Lands Trust report - Cllr Rowing

Tree Warden report - Cllr Benstead

Peasenhall Tennis Club - report read out by the clerk

Positive Peasenhall report - Lisa Eveleigh

Allotments report - Cllr Rowing

Cllr Rowing thanked everyone for their reports and invited any member of the public who wished to remain for the Peasenhall Parish Council General Meeting to follow.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Carol Hume  
Parish Clerk