



Newton Flotman Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 29 April 2025, Newton Flotman Village Centre, 7.30pm

Minutes

Paul Week, Newton Flotman Parish Council
Bruce Turnbull, Newton Flotman Parish Council
Martin Brooks, Newton Flotman Parish Council
Drew Broad, Newton Flotman Parish Council
Cate McNerey, Newton Flotman Parish Council
Karen Elliott, Newton Flotman Parish Council
Maria Hutson, Newton Flotman Parish Council
William Ball, Newton Flotman Village Centre
Kirsten Remer, St Marys Church
John Cook, District Council
Richard and Hillary Beech, Newton Flotman Climate Care
Virginia Weeks, Charity of John William Sewell

1. Apologies

Lesley Crump (Parish Council), Paula Way (Newton Flotman Allotment Association), Keith Burnett, Long Stratton Medical Practice, PC James Smith, Adam Riley, Newton Flotman Primary Academy

2. To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 30 April 2024

Minutes were approved

3. Reports from Village Organisations and Groups

a. Newton Flotman Allotments

The Newton Flotman Allotment Society now has 21 Afflicted members, the latest holders to take on allotments have been young families which is great to see. They are joining a very friendly bunch of people willing to provide help and advice if needed.

The appearance of the allotments is in general very good and the main areas are being kept well cut by volunteers (Alan, Paula, Tony and Chris). In addition the area at the top by the playing field is being gradually cleared to allow for parking and turning, also to hopefully provide an additional half allotment.

The next three monthly inspection by Maria and myself is scheduled for Wednesday 7th May. Since our last inspection in February and the newsletter produced from this, which was distributed to all members (a copy of which is attached to the entrance gate for everyone to read) it encouraged some allotment holders to check their sites and clean up further.

We are very short on funds and hope to hold a BBQ in the summer at the allotment to raise money for the Society.

On that note, a big thank you to the Parish Council for providing us with a new

combination lock for the gate, the old one has been repaired and working okay at the moment, but with rotavators and grass cutters now on site, should it fail we can immediately secure the area.

Paula Way
Newton Flotman Allotment Society

b. Charity of John William Sewell

The last year has seen continued success at the Cherry Tree Café as we have welcomed people from the village and further afield to socialise on a Wednesday morning. The average weekly attendance is slightly higher at 20 per week compared with 18 last year and the average weekly donations are also higher at £26 per week compared with £25 last year.

The charity has been able to support two families in the village providing them with financial support in their hour of need.

There have been changes in the group of volunteers who run the café this year. Caroline Wolff has left us to rejoin the workforce as a teaching assistant and Cate McNerney had to give up her participation in the café due to ill health.

We have been delighted that Glenys Jones, Fran Bussey, Lesley Crump, Steve and Pam Halstead have joined the rota for helping run the café. They have joined our regular volunteers Ian Bell, Drew Broad, Sandra Gibbs and Virginia Weeks.

The volunteers who work in the kitchen and serve the attendees have successfully completed a health and safety course and the café has been rated 5* by South Norfolk District Council.

One major issue we faced at Christmas was that Breadsources who had been providing us with a range of cakes and biscuits decided they would no longer do this. We have been indebted to members of the community who have stepped up and provided food which the attendees enjoy including Ann Segans, John Williams, Glenis Jones, Fran Bussey and Virginia Weeks.

Dr Paul Weeks
Administrator

c. St Mary's Church
Worship

Our regular pattern of worship continued within the Tas Valley Benefice with joint 5th Sunday services with the Upper Tas Benefice. We welcomed Rachel Hayden as curate at a special service in October. We are very grateful to Andy for leading worship for many of our services.

Special Services

Harvest Festival followed a successful Harvest Supper, gifts provided were given to Waveney Foodbank. Newton Flotman Primary School also held their Harvest Festival in church. The Benefice service Remembering Loved Ones was held at St Mary's. Advent and Christmastide -The village were again invited to host our Posada figures for a night during Advent and this year this was co-ordinated by Linzi. The Village Crib and Carol Service on Christmas Eve was very well attended and again led by Lesley Cox. The timing seems to work well for the families who come along. Village Café hosted themed events including the packed out festive wreath making during Advent (thank you to Caroline for leading this) and Christmas Space on 21st December. Carols were sung at Olive House and we hosted Carols on the Green on 22nd December, or as it turned out the village bus shelter as high winds were predicted so we adapted our arrangements accordingly and adorned the shelter with lights. It was well received!

Church Community

We were all saddened by the death of Amy Ferguson a much-loved member of the church family. She was a founder of Village Café's predecessor Coffee Stop and she really brought the Bible alive with her readings in church.

Visting

We have an active group of church members who via a WhatsApp groups co-ordinate visiting church family member Sheila who is now in a care home in Poringland. This is co-ordinated by Lesley Cox. One of our other church members who is in her nineties is visited regularly and assisted to church.

Weekly prayer group

There continues to be an online weekly prayer group on Friday mornings hosted by Lesley Cox.

Charities

We held a bric-a-brac sale and hosted Village Café for Christian Aid and including donation envelopes distributed around the village for Christian Aid week, we raised £173.77

Norfolk Churches Trust bike ride

Volunteers manned the church to welcome cyclists, drivers and walkers. Many thanks to Gavin Broad, Drew's son, for cycling on behalf of St Mary's Church.

Foodbank

We continue to collect for the local foodbank and donations are collected whenever the church is open. The foodbank has supplied us with food for the meal packs put together for distribution at the 'Spaces'.

Church Maintenance

We held churchyard maintenance mornings twice this year and along with a few of our church congregation we are joined by people from the village. It really does help with keeping the churchyard looking good for those people who walk through each day. Each maintenance session is held on a Saturday morning so we can stop and have a well-earned rest at our Village Café

Community Outreach

Village Café 10-12 every Saturday in the church has seen solid support this year, it has benefitted from the connections made during the week at Cherry Tree Café held up at the Village Centre on a Wednesday, leading to regular attendance at Village Café. It is an important place for community cohesion. We provided opportunities for three students from Long Stratton High School to complete their volunteering section of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. We checked our credentials in terms of food safety with South Norfolk environmental health and are operating within their guidelines for our type of 'enterprise'. The advice is that volunteers only bake once a month. Monthly local walks arranged by Richard and Hilary Beach continue to welcome people from across the Benefice. The walks take place on Saturday mornings and afterwards several from the group drop in at the Village Café to enjoy some homemade refreshments. Crafting for a Cause has found a second niche each month on the third Saturday at Village Café.

Easter, Summer and Christmas Space

The model started last year of crafts, activities, refreshments, take-away sandwich lunches and a meal kit. Held on each Thursday during the Summer holidays, again on Easter Saturday and the Saturday before Christmas, all well supported and attended and have become a staple in the life of the church and what we offer the community.

Climate Care group

The group carried out a review of the Church's activities using the A Rocha audit tool and achieved a Silver A Rocha Eco Church Award – we are delighted to receive this award and thanks go to our Eco champions – Richard & Hilary Beach for steering us in the right direction. The group regularly have a monthly focus which is posted in Partnership, via social media and displays in the church room. Topics have included – food (where we buy, reducing eating meat, packaging etc); reducing plastic; reducing our car use; gardens – no mow May, peat free compost etc. and help with whether or not to install solar panels. The group hosted Ben Goldsborough MP at a Village Café. As a fairtrade church we promoted Fairtrade fortnight in September highlighting the climate justice aspect of this campaign.

Tree planting

This year the focus by the core team Richard Beach, Andy Cox and David Wharton has been on creating an avenue along the edge of the Alan King playing field

Litter picks are part of our annual outreach and we are very grateful to South Norfolk Council for the opportunity to go into their £200 draw – which we won. This goes into our Community Fund to be spent on items/events to benefit the whole community. This year some was spent on the Harvest Supper.

Outreach Post Office

The service provided by Framingham Earl Post Office on Wednesday mornings is well established and is a valued community asset.

The Community Allotment continues to provide an opportunity to engage with the community and provide a source of fresh vegetables and fruit using methods which encourage and promote good soil health. Several people in the village have joined us in our work and produce is shared out amongst the workers and their neighbours. Some featured on the menu of the Harvest Supper

Partnership

The monthly village magazine which is managed by the PCC received a grant from both Newton Flotman and Swainsthorpe Parish Councils this year which, along with advertising revenue has put this onto a surer financial footing. We continue to contribute the newsletter for the whole extended benefice collated by Upper Tas available via email to be printed for churches.

Crafting for a Cause meets in the church room twice a month now and we continued using our skills to make goods to sell at craft fairs to send money to Priscilla Bacon Hospice. We also held a Craft Swap at our Village Café and Cherry Tree Café (Village Centre) as part of The Great Big Green Week. It was amazing how much wool, fabric and haberdashery items were given and taken.

Newton Flotman and Saxlingham Thorpe Heritage group lost a founding member - Mike Wilkinson in November. We continue to host Village Café a few times a year and have marked D-Day and Remembrance with displays at Village Café. We produced another calendar to raise funds (£200) for the church and kept production costs down by designing it in-house. We had a stand at the Village Fete and made contact with several people who shared their memories and photographs.

School Connections

The School has held services in the Church. Lesley Cox has been developing her role in Schools Ministry across the whole extended benefice. The connections made with the parents of Newton Flotman school and the 'Spaces' works well when organising the Posada and the Crib and Carol service. Rachel Hayden who joined us as curate in the benefice in October and lives in the village initiated making her own links with the school towards the end of the year.

Olive House

Andy and Vicky continue visiting the residents at Olive House Care Home for a monthly Communion service. They meet in the residents' lounge and then visit anyone who is bedbound if they have requested a visit. Just before Christmas a group of us visited again and sang a variety of carols and Christmas songs for the residents and staff.

Winter Coats

We collected lots of winter coats and jackets – men, women and children's, and gave them away at our Village Café and Cherry Tree Café. There was a good take up but as there were so many, those left over were taken to the Salvation Army in Norwich.

Tower stars

We placed star 'lights' (battery operated on a timer) on the north and south side of the church tower over the Christmas period, visible from the A140 and they were well received.

Events

We set up a WhatsApp group to help co-ordinate village events. D Day NFaST hosted a Village Café and the beacon housed at the church was lit at the Village Centre. The Summer Fete was held at the Village Centre in August and attracted a huge crowd. The church provided refreshments and cream teas. We had stalls around the area with games, climate awareness challenges, and an NFaST display. Harvest Supper and Festival We invited all the people who help us behind the scenes at church to our Harvest Supper. We had a team of people cooking a variety of main dishes and puddings for our village magazine deliverers; churchyard maintenance people; repointing team; Cell members and our clergy. Entertainment was provided by Brother John. The evening was a big success and lots of fun

Fabric

Thank you to David Wharton for his work as Fabric Officer in overseeing the works and insurance claim for the lead theft and the change of roof alarm company, as previous providers Ace alarms did not maintain/monitor the system adequately which led to the lack of alert to the lead theft. David also co-ordinated the repointing working parties for the north side of the church after the success of the work on the south side.

Deanery

Rev Micael Windridge was installed as our new Rural Dean, we had a talk by Barbara Bryant on Eco church. The Bishop of Thetford addressed us about the reorganisation and for us as a benefice it was carry on as we are for the time being. We have absorbed some more parishes into the Deanery as a result of reorganisation elsewhere.

- d. Newton Flotman and Saxlingham Thorpe Heritage Group (NFaST)
Included in Church Report, 3c
- e. Partnership Magazine

Included in Church report, 3c

f. Newton Flotman Primary School

Apologies sent – no report submitted.

g. Newton Flotman Climate Care

Newton Flotman Climate Care represents a group of local people who are really concerned about climate breakdown and want to do something about it. The group was established by the church but now includes others from the village. We communicate via a WhatsApp group and have our own Facebook page. Our efforts to do our bit to prevent climate breakdown include both personal actions and lifestyle changes and attempting to influence our leaders.

We have established a positive interaction with Ben Goldsborough - our local MP. We met with him to discuss climate issues last August. More recently we lobbied him about the climate and nature bill. Unfortunately, a meeting with him at that time had to be postponed.

We have promoted climate friendly lifestyle choices through our WhatsApp group and the village Facebook page. These have included such topics as:

- Eat less meat - meat free Monday
- Drive less - use public transport more
- No mow May
- Craft materials swap for Great Big Green Week.
- Recycling - including an excellent meeting with our local (South Norfolk) recycling team.
- Rooftop solar - through a local council initiative

Members of the group enabled a “Prayer for the Planet” session in the church room. The church now has A Rocha Silver Eco Church Status.

We have maintained a regular article on climate care in Partnership.

One of the challenges of climate care in action is that it can all feel very negative - don't eat meat, don't fly too much, don't drive too fast. Or it can seem expensive - do get an electric car or a heat pump. Or downright invasive - pylons and wind farms. But we try and take a more positive view. There are tasty alternatives to meat, driving in eco mode saves money, electric cars are fun - and affordable second hand. Heat pumps are getting better.

Climate change is real - we can sense it around us - let's do our bit to minimise its effects

h. Newton Flotman Village Centre

Last year, I reported that the Village Centre Committee will be carrying on the work of looking to improve the facilities and that is what we have been doing, while remaining conscious of the fact that we are working within a fairly tight budget. In financial terms, I can report that we have continued to spend money on the fabric of the building, in ways that are not always obvious to see, and also on the outside facilities which are at bit more visual.

Of particular note is the fact that the necessary repairs to the roof have been completed at a cost of over £4,000. Outside, we have invested in more picnic tables for use on Social Club Friday nights in the summer, with the help of a grant from South Norfolk Council, facilitated by our District Councillor. John Cooke, and have had exterior lights installed in expectation of warm Friday evenings at our Social Club. We have also replaced most of the interior lighting with modern, efficient alternatives and the disabled toilet pan and macerator as well as making improvements to the heating in the hall itself. The loft space above the main room and kitchen has been cleared in preparation for the insulation to be improved before next winter. We have set up a sub-committee to concentrate solely on improvements with a view to prioritising what is both important, urgent and affordable as well as other things that might just be nice to have. Among the things on the list are improvements to the paved area in front of the entrance door. High on the urgent list is the décor in the hall and improvements to the acoustics. A recent visitor to one of our film nights commented that she hadn't been here since her children were at Pre-school and that it hadn't changed a bit. I don't think that was meant as a compliment.

Outside, the most obvious addition has been the installation of the climbing wall which was fully funded by a lottery grant. Discussions and consultations are underway to see how the play equipment can be further improved. Suggestions have included adult fitness equipment, a larger slide and the addition of a fixed football goal on the field. Funding is in place for these things, and I would particularly like to extend my thanks to local resident Hayden Moon who donated the proceeds from his spectacular Christmas light display to the Village Centre for this purpose. Another thing you should be seeing shortly is a fabric bank on the car park. This is part of our commitment to reducing both ours and the village's environmental impact, along with the lighting, insulation improvements and more tree planting. You may have noticed that the Football Club have installed a defibrillator on the outside wall near the car park and a floodlight to illuminate the car park on dark nights.

Our income from regular and occasional hirers of the hall is important to us but so are the financial contributions made from the Social Club, Cinema Nights and the fete, all of which depend so very much on volunteers. I cannot thank enough all the volunteers who contribute to the success of these important regular events. I know that all that goes on here is down to many people giving freely of their time and skills, whether they serve on the Committee or simply get involved for the greater benefit. Thank you everyone one of them.

I would, however, like to express my gratitude to one person in particular, our Treasurer, Christopher Remer, who has retired from the Village Centre Committee after 10 years, during which time he served as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer – often at the same time, which was the case when I joined the Committee 7 years ago. I could not have managed the task of taking on the role of Chairman without the benefit of Christopher’s knowledge and counsel and I know the same goes for others on the Committee who have benefitted from his experience.

While thanking people, I would like to add my appreciation to the volunteers from Newton Flotman Charities who run Cherry Tree Café here every Wednesday morning, providing a warm space, a warm welcome and refreshments to many residents of this village. I don’t manage to visit every week, but when I do I witness people of all ages having a good time, many of whom find it a friendly, convenient place to meet and chat with people. We recently held a litter pick in the Village during the Easter school holidays, starting and finishing at the Cherry Tree Café and at which a team of around 20 volunteers, adults and children, collected 18 bags of rubbish.

As far as the playing field is concerned, there is not much to report. We changed the contractor used to mow the grass and maintain the grounds at the end of last year and I am pleased to say that the improvements are obvious and justify the change. Here I would like to offer my thanks to the Parish Council for their continuing support in granting the money to pay for the grounds maintenance contract. The football club have been running three teams this season, there have been more trees planted by the Newton Flotman Tree Planting Group and plans are still in hand to improve the drainage situation, although the relatively dry year we have just had has meant that we have avoided some of the problems we have suffered in the past. I know that the playing field and play equipment are both used by many people, including dog walkers, families and young people, most of whom, I am pleased to say, respect the facility.

Finally, I would like to once again personally thank everyone involved in the running of the Village Centre for their support and dedication and for making the role of Chairman easy for me to carry out.

William Ball
Chairman

i. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The Newton Flotman Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been working hard since our last report in April 2024. During this time, we have produced a Draft Neighbourhood Plan and a set of Design guidance and codes which went out for consultation in the Autumn and was submitted to South Norfolk District Council for their consideration and consultation in February 2025.

The consultation in the Autumn produced some useful feedback for the Steering Group which led to changes to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. The main change was that we removed the section on Non Designated Heritage Assets as a result of negative feedback from some of the home owners whose properties had been identified.

At the time of writing, the consultation undertaken by South Norfolk District Council has just finished (23rd April was the last day) and a report is being prepared to give to the Independent Examiner prior to his visit to Newton Flotman which will take place in the near future.

The Newton Flotman Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will meet once we have received a report from the Independent Examiner and consider any changes we need to make to the plan. Following our final submission of the plan, South Norfolk District Council will hold a referendum for all residents to vote to either accept or reject the plan.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Steering Group; Drew Broad, Martin Brooks, Joel Fiddy, Bob McKibbin, Emma McMurdock, Sharon Poyser, Ann Segens, Carol Watson

Dr Paul Weeks

4. Reports from Other Bodies

- a. Long Stratton Medical Practice
No report sent

- b. District Council
District Councillor John Cook introduced himself, the area he covers and the meetings he attends. He outlined a number of key issues at the moment; local authority reorganisations and devolution, budgets, forward plans, solar panels and local leisure facilities.

Cllr Cook spoke about how he liaises with the Parish Council regarding planning and also offer support and a link with the district Council. He is also able to signpost residents to relevant services.

- c. County Council
No report sent

- d. Police

Apologies but Sergeant Barnard or myself will not be able to make this Annual meeting but please keep inviting me along monthly and I'll try and make some meetings to meet everyone and answer any questions people have for me.

This last year has seen the safer neighbourhood team and myself focussing on the public set priority of road safety. This has seen myself completing camera safety work and seek the support from my Camera safety team. We have targeted the Ipswich Road and Flordon Road in Newton Flotman due to concerns raised by local residents. The speed checks have appeared to be well received by the local residents and is something I'll look to continue in the current locations unless residents raise further concerns in other areas of the village. I've had concerns raised around some ASB in the area involving the grit bins and youths hanging about on fields near the village hall. This has prompted myself to conduct patrols in the area as often as possible. I've also attended the village fete last year which was a very lovely day and all of the residents were so nice and welcoming. I'm hoping to do the same this year also and happy to do some engagement events if people feel they'd like me to get involved at all.

If anyone has any questions or would like to raise any concerns please let me know or pass my contact details on so they can contact me directly as if I can help I always will. The only thing I ask is any crimes need to be reported via 999, 101 or online reporting on the Norfolk Police Website. If you'd like to ask anything else before the AGM then please feel free to ask me.

5. Parish Council Reports
a. Chairman's Report

The Parish Council has again actively sought to serve the needs of the residents of Newton Flotman throughout the last twelve months through the decisions we have taken on everybody's behalf.

I am going to continue the trend I have adopted for the last two years and base my comments on four areas - planning, environment, social and people. I will finish with a brief comment about the future of local government in Norfolk.

Planning

Planning this last year has revolved around the development of the Neighbourhood Plan, the 18th and 19th rounds of the South Norfolk Village Cluster Housing Allocation Plan by South Norfolk District Council and the Long Stratton by-pass.

The work of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has already been reported on. The Parish Council is now able to use the "emerging Neighbourhood Plan and Design guidance and codes" when making decisions/recommendations to South Norfolk District Council about planning applications. This has been helpful to us in the recent planning applications we have examined.

The development of the Neighbourhood Plan has produced a list of Community Action Projects which include pedestrian access to Smockmill Common, improved

pedestrian crossing on the A140, reinstate ghost ponds and a community orchard. The Parish Council are actively pursuing these projects.

The 19th round of the South Norfolk Village Cluster Housing Allocation Plan by South Norfolk District Council which includes the approval for 25 houses on a field off Alan Avenue has still not received approval and been adopted.

Hatching and new road signs have been put in place at the Flordon end of Flordon Road to improve safety at that end of the road where there is a blind bend. To-date there have not been any accidents as a result of the installation of the hatching.

Work has been carried throughout the year on the Long Stratton by-pass and we continue to monitor the development to assess the impact on traffic flows on the A140 through Newton Flotman.

Looking forward to the forthcoming year we will see some major developments in the planning area.

We hope to have the Neighbourhood Plan adopted.

We will see the **construction of 31 houses on the field beside Alan Avenue**. Planning permission with conditions was given to undertake the work to FW Properties in July 2024 and we have seen their responses to the conditions appearing recently on the South Norfolk District Council Planning portal. We have noted that the field will be subject to an archaeological assessment to see if there is anything of interest in there and the construction traffic will go along a road to be built from Flordon Road. The Parish Council will monitor the work to ensure that it conforms to the conditions set out by South Norfolk District Council.

We have been informed that once the work starts the Parish Council will receive CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funding which we will use to fund the community action projects identified in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

We can expect the 19th round of the South Norfolk Village Cluster Housing Allocation Plan by South Norfolk District Council to be adopted in the coming year which could see a planning application from FW Properties for the 25 houses on the field beside the 31-house construction site in the near future.

Environment

The Parish Council adopted a biodiversity policy in 2024 and we are continuing to support the work of the Climate Crisis group which Richard and Hilary Beach lead.

Social

The **Youth Club**, which is run on our behalf by the YMCA, had a successful year with regular attendance of 16 young people. Many of them were featured in a video which was shown at the Annual YMCA celebration in November 2024. We are

continuing to partner with the YMCA to provide this service for the young people of Newton Flotman.

There was a successful **D Day** celebration in June 2024 which included fish and chip suppers, a presentation from the ARTS students and the lighting of a beacon. We will be holding a celebration for **VE Day 80** on 8th May 2025 in the evening with presentations from two ARTS groups, a sing-a-long of 1940s music and lighting of the beacon at 9.30pm.

We are pleased to see that the **Village Hall and Social Club** are doing well and becoming more self-sustaining which means that they have not required the Parish Council to provide them with as much grant money as they had in previous years. We continue to support the **Church and Partnership Magazine** with grants to help them with the grounds maintenance and printing costs.

People

During the last year one of our Councillors – David Segans – died. He is being missed for his legal knowledge which was very helpful. We have been able to co-opt two new members to the Parish Council – Karen Elliot and Martin Brooks – which has brought the council up to our total permitted number of councillors.

Maria has again provided an excellent service to the Parish Council and the residents who have been in contact with the council throughout the year.

Future of Local Government in Norfolk

Finally, I would just note that the government is in the process of undertaking a reorganisation of local government. For us as residents and for the Parish Council in Newton Flotman there are two changes being discussed/planned:

1 New mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk. – The government want to introduce a regional mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk who will have devolved powers and budget. We are monitoring the situation and attending meetings to find out more about this.

2 Abolishment of the 9 councils in Norfolk (Norfolk County Council and district councils) and introduction of Unitary Authorities – The councils in Norfolk have submitted proposals to the government about the unitary authorities they want to see in the county and will submit final documents in September. We are monitoring the situation and attending meetings organised by Broadland and South Norfolk Councils to participate in the planning for the future.

The Parish Council will continue to serve the needs of the residents of Newton Flotman throughout the coming year.

Dr Paul Weeks
Chairman
Newton Flotman Parish Council

b. Parish Council Financial Report

The Parish Council has had a steady year with no unexpected costs. It has been successful in securing 50% funding for the youth club from two different Norfolk Community Foundation grants.

The Parish Council has kept the precept increase for 2025/26 at 4%. For an average band D property this is the equivalent of just 5p extra per week.

The Parish Council maintains adequate reserves as set out in the Parish Council's reserve policy.

c. General Parish Issues raised by members of the public

There was a discussion regarding highways issues.
General NHS issues and walk in centre
Issues with dispensary – they are recruiting staff
Heart health evening being held in the village

Meeting closed at 20:27