





WRENTHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall at 6.30pm on
Monday 20th April 2026**

Present: **The Chairman** – Cllr Ian Watson
 Councillors – Cllr Steve Billington, Cllr Mark Buxton, Cllr Sue Child, Cllr Simon Forder, Cllr Gerda Gibbs, Cllr Sarah Hancock, Cllr Lucinda Hutson, Cllr Roger Middleditch, Cllr Paul Wren
 The Parish Clerk – Mrs Frances Bullard (by video conference)
 Suffolk County Council – Not Present
 East Suffolk Council – Not Present
 Members of public – Three

| | ITEM | ACTION |
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| 1 | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE | |
| | Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Alison Evans. | |
| 2 | MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING | |
| | The minutes of the meeting held in April 2025 on were approved in May 2025 and published. All matters arising were reviewed & complete. | |
| 3 | PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMANS REPORT | |
| |  <p align="center">APM 2026 Chairs report 31st March 20;</p> <p>Cllr Watson gave his report -</p> | |
| 4 | PARISH COUNCILS DRAFT FINANCIAL REPORT | |
| | The Internal Audit is being conducted by Mrs Rosie Carter, her report and the end of year accounts will be shared with all in due course, they will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and presented to the June PC Meeting along with the External Audit papers. Year End Accounts & other data will be published in accordance with the Transparency Code. | |
| 5 | ACCOUNTS OF WRENTHAM PAROCHIAL CHARITIES | |
| |  <p align="center">APM 2026 Charity Accounts 31.1.26.pdf</p> <p>Accounts were shared -</p>  <p align="center">APM 2026 - Wrentham Charity Anr</p> <p>A report was received from Lindsay Hanger - Cllr Fletcher advised the fund is healthy. All requests for assistance are completely confidential and only discussed by the committee. Two residents have been supported with donations totalling £3200 in the past year and there are currently two requests in the pipeline. The Chairman suggested The Charity look into Unity Trust as they have bank accounts tailored for Charities & local authorities. The work of the Charity continues to be promoted – Cllr Fletcher will provide a new poster for the noticeboard/website. The Chairman thanked Cllr Fletcher and members of the Charity committee for their ongoing work to assist those in need of support.</p> | DF |
| 6 | DRAFT ACCOUNTS OF WRENTHAM VILLAGE HALL | |
| | Draft Village Hall Accounts – these are currently being completed by Rosie Carter and will be shared once they are signed off by the Village Hall Management Committee. Fiona Anderson advised that the hall is financially secure at present. | |
| 7 | REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS | |
| | <p>Wrentham Football Club – Mr Barrie Atkins attended and gave a report –</p>  <p align="center">APM 2026 - Wrentham Mutford FC</p> | |

The club continues to be very successful. All players are unpaid & pay subs each match – they are playing against teams of paid players & do very well. The first team are through to the semi-final of the Suffolk Senior Cup and if they win on Saturday they will play in the final at Portman Road in May. The reserve team are currently 2nd in their league. It has cost over £7000 to keep the club running this year - £2000 of this is to cover the cost of referees - £2000 to train at Beccles & £1000 for pitch marking. The Club are grateful to Benacre Estate and the Parish Council for their support. There has been an increase in residents attending games – entry is free with donations welcomed for tea/coffee – these donations raised approx. £1000 last year. The future of the club is slightly uncertain, mainly due to the age of the players – it is likely the first team will be withdrawn as there are only 8 reliable players on the team – some have been poached by paying clubs. Beccles FC are in a similar position and therefore the first team squad may merge with Beccles. The Reserve Team will continue to play at Wrentham & starting a youth team is being discussed. The plan is to revert to being Wrentham FC rather than Mutford & Wrentham FC. Barrie advised he will be standing down from the club this year but will continue to be linked to the club & look after the grounds etc. The Chairman thanked Barrie for his report – it is great that the team are doing so well- long may it continue.

Village Cinema – Fiona Anderson gave a report on behalf of Dr Nigel Drane. Last year was a steady year with profits of just over £100. This year numbers are up. The Cinema's 10th Anniversary was celebrated. Volunteers remain enthusiastic. Everyone welcome – tickets remain at £5 per person.



APM 2026 - WVH
Annual Report-25-26.1

Village Hall – Ms Fiona Anderson gave a report – An event is being held on 28th June 2026 to celebrate the hall's 40th anniversary. The Chairman thanked Fiona for her report and all volunteers for their hard work.



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Community Speedwatch – Mr Chris Mead gave his report – Speedwatch report to Chris will send a new poster appealing for volunteers to The Clerk. The Chairman thanked Chris for his report and advised the PC are always willing to support if equipment is needed.



APM 2026 - British
Legion Report for Anr

Wrentham & District British Legion – Cllr Hutson gave a report –



APM 2026 Report
from Wrentham Bowls

Wrentham Bowls Club - report from Mrs Edna Utting –







APM 2026 - Time 4
Tea .pdf

Time 4 Tea – report from Mrs Rita Perry –



APM 2026 -

Wrentham Tennis Club – Wrentham Tennis Clut

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| | <p style="text-align: right;"> APM 2026 - St. Nicholas Church - Ref</p> <p>St Nicholas Church – report from Church Warden David Ulph -</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> APM 2026 - Wrentham Village Rec</p> <p>Village History Recorder – report from Mrs Rosie Carter –</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> APM 2026 - Ambulance First Resp</p> <p>Community First Responders – report from Mr Chris Levett -</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> APM 2026 - Wrentham Band Reprc</p> <p>Wrentham Band – report from Mrs Rosie Carter –</p> <p>All reports will be published on the Parish Council Website.</p> | |
| 8 | REPORT FROM CLLR ANNETTE DUNNING (SCC) | |
| | No report received. | |
| 9 | REPORT FROM CLLR PAUL ASHTON (ESC) | |
| | No report received. | |
| 10 | ANY OTHER BUSINESS | |
| | None. | |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.12pm