

Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 3 May 2022 - Chairman's Report
Agenda item 3.

1. May meeting held on zoom
2. Going back to last May we congratulated Andy Mellen on being elected Leader of the Opposition on MSDC.
3. Westhorpe opposed the Planning application for housing in Westhorpe Road, Finningham land outside Village settlement boundary. Refused by MSDC – applicant took it to Appeal and lost.
4. Dog fouling signs.
5. Speed Indicator devices (SIDs) discussed July meeting.
6. Signed off Minutes of May Annual Parish Meeting claim from SCC for two posts for SIDs.
7. Discussed Parliamentary boundary changes – robust response from Westhorpe against North Suffolk proposal for a constituency from Great Livermere to Bungay.
8. Bus Service - on going concern.
9. Loss of paperbank.
10. Siting of SIDs – numerous correspondence back and forth with SCC Highways; Traffic Technology meeting 7 October 2021.
11. Steve Caley lead on Joint Local Plan.
12. Hedge problem outside Old Rectory.
13. Locality claim from BMSDC - £120 Android devices; £90 Extended SID report; £86.40 Defibrillator pads – total £296.40.
14. Letter to owners of Rookery Farm and dog nuisance – January meeting.
Brenda Taylor died – letter of thanks to Keith Aldous.
February Outline Planning application meeting – further 7 houses (2 affordable) – land south of Church Road. 8 points for refusal – conflict with Local Plan; lack of sustainability; effect on Listed houses nearby; drain access. MSDC again refused the application.
Electricity supply problems – western end of village (letters)
Avian flu – Church Farm
Rural Coffee Caravan several occasions – providing valuable opportunities for villagers to meet up together for a chat over tea and coffee
Fire prevention advice
Restoration of Church bells in Westhorpe – had full Parish Council support.