

Swafield and Bradfield

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 6:30pm

Present: Cllr Konoshenko, Cllr Payne, Cllr Amies, 2 Parishioners and a representative from Norfolk Police

1. To confirm the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th May 2023

Slight alterations were needed to the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th May 2023 and these would be signed at a later date

2. Annual Report from the Chairman of Swafield and Bradfield Parish Council,

The Chairman of Swafield and Bradfield Parish Council reported on the priorities for the year, namely, Road Safety and St Nicholas Church.

There had been no movement on Road Safety issues previously, even though steps had been made by the Parish Council to implement changes. After the tragic death of Alfie Brown, things have moved forward. The council has been keeping a record of all accidents in the parish. Speed measuring devices have been used, reflective posts have been installed by the bridge, areas around existing signs have been cleared so that they are visible, new signs have been installed and changes to the speed limits coming into the parish will be reduced before the end of the year.

Alfie's tree and a commemorative plaque will be put into the church yard at St Nicholas Church

A lot of fundraising and work is being carried out for and at St Nicholas Church, last years village fete raised over £5000 which was split between the village hall and the church. The next village fete will be held on the 7th July 2024. Other events being arranged are the National Theatre live evenings and the Cinema nights.

The Defib is being checked fortnightly and the SAM 2 is being moved regularly, the council are investigating purchasing a second SAM 2.

3. Annual Reports other local groups which may include:

- Village Hall Management Committee

The Village Hall has had 53 bookings this year, the Yoga and Band Rehearsals have ended, there have been 9 Cinema nights, with an average attendance of 41 people. The painting of the walls will be carried out soon.

- Parochial Church Council

10 National Theatre concerts have been held this year, and positive feedback has been received. Ballet and Opera are planned for later this year, St Nicholas Church is the only church in the country hosting these events.

The bells at the church have been lowered and money has been secured to send them away to be repaired.

The lease for the use of the Church Knave is ongoing and land for parking and a path to the Church has been agreed.

Highways have been approached to extend the 30mph on the Trunch Road to past the Church.

4. Open Forum

450 People attended the National Garden Scheme, held at Swafield Hall, £2176 was raised for McMillan and £1963 was raised, selling refreshments, which was donated to the Church. The next event will run over three days, 22nd, 23rd and 24th June 2024.

This years Fete will be open 1 hour earlier this year.

A Parishioner asked why the Defibrillator data was no being updated more regularly on to the reporting system. Cllr Konoshenko said that although the defib was being checked that he did not always complete the information on the reporting system, but would try to complete this more often.

Norfolk Police reported that they were targeting antisocial behavior in Norfolk, speeding and Noisy Cars, in the area including Swafield and Bradfield there have been 141 investigations this year compared to 161 last year.

Investigations into the death of Alfie are ongoing.

The Speed Safety Team have made 8 visits to the area and 86 offences of speeding have been logged.

Thefts from gardens have been reported in the area, 1 from Trunch and another from Swafield, please report all crimes to the police. The latest target for Crimes appears to be used cooking oil.

Thanks were made to Jinx for cutting the Church Yard.

Meeting Closed 7:26pm

