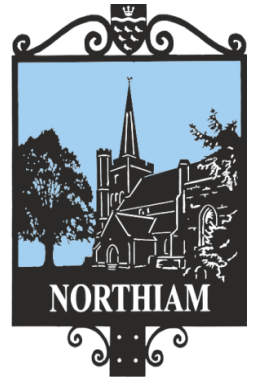


# Northiam Parish Council

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**Annual Parish Meeting held in the  
Village Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 19.45**

## MINUTES

**Present: Carolyn Pierce, Bob Russell, Penny Farmer, Dean Johnson, Jon Streatfeild**

**Georgina Jackson, Locum Clerk, Cllr Redstone, Cllr Mooney, Cllr Ganly and 160 Members  
of the Public**

**Date: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

### **1) Welcome by the Chairman.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2) Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received from Cllr Wonter-Smith (Holiday) with reasons for absence.

### **3) To receive Minutes from Annual Parish Meeting held on 5th May 2022.**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 be approved and the Minutes were duly signed.

### **4) County Councillors Report**

Cllr Redstone reported on the following:-

- Potholes.
- Northiam road verges.
- The problems relating to contractor parking re the Paddocks development.

### **5) District Councillors Report.**

Cllr Mooney reported on the following:-

- Community grants.
- The village halls energy project.

### **6) Chairman's Report**

The Chairman read out his detailed speech to the meeting.

### **7) Questions & Answers**

A member of the public asked who owned St Francis Field, it was confirmed that Northiam Parish Council was the legal owner.

A member of the public stated that no houses have been built on St Francis Field and there has been no Minutes of the parish council that discuss selling off any land.

There was some confusion as to whether the Department for Levelling Up had been contacted, the clerk confirmed that this had not yet been actioned.

There was much discussion on whether the public attending the meeting were in agreement with the resolution to contact the Department for Levelling Up, the clerk confirmed that a lawful decision had been made by the parish council.

There was much discussion on delays in applying for the change of use and consequences of this, the clerk confirmed that she was in contact Rother District Council regarding this.

Cllr Mooney asked the council to consider putting forward a resolution that St Francis Field was bought by the people for the people.

**8) Close of meeting / Refreshments**

The Chairman closed the meeting and invited members of the public to enjoy the refreshments.

Chairman .....