

Northiam Parish Council

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Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 5th May 2022

**The notes from the last Annual Parish Meeting (APM) held on 9th April 2019 will be circulated for approval & adoption at the next parish council meeting.*

NOTES

There were almost 80 attendees who were welcomed by Cllr. Sue Schlesinger, Chairman of the Parish Council.

The Chairman then read out her report for the preceding year, (Appendix 1), in which she gave updates on the CIC, St Francis Fields, and the Village Hall improvements which include new curtains, new lights & new flooring. The valiant efforts of the many volunteers including "The A Team" led by Steve Pratt who repair and maintain SFF saving the village hundreds of pounds; the litter-pickers now number 3, the copious clear up post Storm Eunice & Helping Hands - without all these good people, the village would be a lesser place. The playground arson attack has resulted in a £1000 payment from the Victim of Crime Fund – she again appealed for anyone who knows who was responsible to inform the police. The CIC have organised the permissive footpath, planted the apple orchard which everyone can enjoy at the Open Picnic Day and their plans to open the Pop-Up Pub many more times this year. She also thanked the generous support of Moloney's for sponsorship of the school crossing and Dawn at Will's Bakery for supplying the food. More volunteers are always needed, and next year there will be chance to become part of the parish council just like the newest parish councillor, Ben Dallimore. Join a society, or volunteer and enjoy everything that Northiam has to offer.

It was then opened to the floor for any comments: a lady spoke on behalf of David Thornton who oversees the Speedwatch Team but couldn't be at the meeting. They are only a team of 8 & need more volunteers. They are not just trying to catch speeding vehicles - most people acknowledge the benefits of keeping the village a safer place. Marie Stone said that she was caught by the Speedwatch team, but felt they should make themselves more visible. She was informed that they do wear high viz jackets but can only stand in designated places as instructed by the police, and again, they are not trying to catch people, but keep the number of speeding vehicles to a minimum.

Jacky Broad then proposed a vote of thanks to all parish councillors for the work they've done in a difficult year.

There being no questions from the floor and no further formal business everyone enjoyed the nibbles from Will's and some liquid refreshments in a genial & jolly atmosphere.