

Parishes of Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting  
held at Shadingfield Village Hall on Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 6.45 pm

Present:

Councillor C Ellis (Chair), County Councillor J Cloke and 20 members of the public.

In attendance: Mr S C Blackburn (Clerk to the Parish Council).

Apologies for Absence: None.

Election of Chair of the Parish Meeting

Proposed by Cllr C Ellis, seconded by Cllr T Blunn and RESOLVED: that Cllr Andy Thornton be elected as Chair of the Parish Meeting.

To sign as an accurate record the minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the 2023 be signed as a correct record.

Report of the Parish Council

Cllr Thornton explained that this meeting was a meeting of the parishioners and invited Cllr C Ellis to present the report of the Parish Council for the year to 31 March 2024 which is held on file.

Cllr Thornton thanked Cllr C Ellis for her hard work over many years.

Plans for 2024/25

Cllr Thornton introduced the plan which comprises five themes; Community - the need to bring all communities together, Infrastructure – the Neighbourhood Development Plan had already contributed to the refusal of the anaerobic digester at Ellough, Environment – notably the recent availability of a thermal imaging camera which may be repeated, Communication and Connections, between groups and nearby parishes. There is a need to focus on improving the playing field then a 5-7 year programme including a village fair in 2025.

Public Session

A member of the public asked about the issues with faulty Speed Indicator Devices; Judgment has been granted in our favour and bailiffs have been instructed. A question was asked about the quality of the football goal nets and whether these could be replaced. It was agreed that the Parish Council would investigate this matter at its next meeting.

A member of the public asked if the Village Hall had a generator or back up plan to enable it to continue to be used as a shelter in case of an emergency affecting the entire community.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

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