

Westley Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

10/05/18

Present: Chris Anderson (CA, Chair); all councillors except Colin Clayton; Jen Larner, Clerk (JL), Cllr Ian Houlder (SEBC), Karen Soons

1. Apologies: Colin Clayton

2. Minutes: The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, held on 3 May 2017 were noted.

3. Chairman's Report – Chris Anderson summarised the work of the Parish Council over the previous year:

- The development of the land between Westley Village and the western edge of BSE has not progressed over the last year, so no news on that at the moment, and if and when this changes, we would let you know
- The potential move of the hospital from Hardwick Lane to the land described above has not moved forward, so no news here either.
- The development of the piece of land 'called the teardrop' just before you get to the railway bridge on the Newmarket Rd has been refused on appeal.
- Our mission to install welcome gates at either end of the village has been thwarted by SCC Highways bureaucracy; we are still fighting our cause though.
- The development of 3 dwellings at the end of Hall Farm Lane (off Burrells Orchard) looks likely to go ahead as it is permitted development of redundant farm buildings (cart lodge and grain dryer)
- Parish council elections take place next year, meanwhile we would like to encourage anyone who is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, to pop along to any meeting for a chat
- Finally some good news, thanks to a grant from SCC via Karen Soons we are now able to offer WIFI in the Westley Club

4. St Edmundsbury District Councillor's Report – Cllr. Ian Houlder reported on the continuing progress of the single council process and recommended the West Suffolk Annual Report. Cllr Karen Soons commended the borough council on its pro-entrepreneurial stance and positive approach.

5. Suffolk County Council – Cllr Karen Soons had circulated her report. She reported that there is an SCC leadership challenge imminent. Karen was thanked for her locality budget which has funded Wifi in the Westley club, and for the work she does on our behalf.

Jen Larner
Clerk