

**BIRDBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**  
**TUESDAY 10 MAY 2022**

**PRESENT:** Mr S Rhenius (Vice Chair)  
Mr A Cook  
Mr M Gilbert  
Ms K Gentry

**ALSO PRESENT:** District Councillor Diana Garrod  
County Councillor Peter Schwier (arrived late)  
Mr A Hull of Wethersfield Parish Council & Wethersfield Airbase Scrutiny Committee  
2 members of the Public

**CLERK:** Mrs D Hilliard

**22/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**22/27 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY FOR 2021**

Mr Cook proposed and Mr Gilbert seconded with all in favour that the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly for 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed.

**22/28 MATTERS ARISING**

None.

**22/29 PROPOSED PRISON AT WETHERSFIELD AIRBASE**

Mr Hull was welcomed to the meeting and invited to present. Mr Hull presented on behalf of the Wethersfield Airbase Scrutiny Committee and explained the aims of the committee and the concerns regarding the proposed prison around size, environmental impact and impact on surrounding communities.

Mr Rhenius recommended that Mr Hull contact the Chair of Ashen Parish Council.

There were no questions and Councillors thanked Mr Hull for his presentation.

*Cllr Peter Schwier arrived at the meeting.*

**22/30 REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

It was noted that Mr Smart had now left the parish and stepped down as Parish Councillor. The Parish Council thanked Mr Smart for his contribution during his time as a Parish Councillor for Birdbrook.

**22/31 REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DIANA GARROD**

Cllr Garrod's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was considered by the Parish Council. Points noted were:-

- Proposed prison at Wethersfield Airbase
- Energy rebate
- Cllr Garrod's election as Vice-Chair of the District Council.

There were no questions and Cllr Garrod was thanked for her report.

**22/32 REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR PETER SCHWIER**

Cllr Schwier's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was considered by the Parish Council. Points noted were:-

- Council Tax
- Road repairs
- Drain clearance
- Streetlight repairs

Councillors asked Cllr Schwier about mental health services. Cllr Schwier advised that ECC continued to press for an improvement in services.


There were no further questions and Cllr Schwier was thanked for his report.

*Cllr Schwier left the meeting.*

**22/33 REPORT OF BIRDBROOK COMMUNITY HOUSE TRUSTEES**

No representative present.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at approximately 7.35pm

Signed:  ..... Dated: 9/5/23 .....