

Minutes of the Burstall Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday, 14th May 2025, 7.05pm

Present: Cllr A Kerrison, Burstall Parish Council Vice - Chair
4 Parish Cllrs

In attendance: Mrs S Frankis, Clerk to the Parish of Burstall

The meeting was chaired by Cllr A Kerrison, Burstall Parish Council Vice - Chair.

1) Chairman's Welcome

Cllr Kerrison opened the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting and welcomed those present.

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from Burstall Parish Cllrs B Gasper and S Godfrey, District Cllr D Busby and Mrs J Sago.

3) To Confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th May 2024, and to Consider Any Matters Arising

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th May 2024 were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting and were duly signed. There were no matters arising.

4) The Chairman's Report

Cllr Kerrison advised that the refurbishment of the exterior of the B.T. Information Box has been completed; a contractor has been appointed to refurbish the village sign but there were no updates to report at this time.

Cllr Kerrison noted the sad passing of Mr N Fiske since last years meeting.

5) To Receive the Report from the County Councillor

No report had been received from County Cllr Hudson.

6) To Receive the Report from the District Councillor

No report had been received from District Cllr Busby.

7) Reports from Representatives of Village Clubs and Groups

A report was received from Mrs Gasper on behalf of Burstall Parochial Church Council.

A report had been received from Mrs Sago on behalf of the Burstall W.I.

A report had been received from Mr Sago on behalf of the Burstall Carpet Bowls Club.

Cllr S Main presented an update on the local energy infrastructure development schemes. The construction of the EDF solar farm development is near completion and is expected to be connected Autumn 2025.

Enso, having secured their site for development with the aid of Government subsidies, have sold it on to Verdant. It is unknown if Enso have been required to repay any of the monies received from the Government. The Verdant community liaison group had met but with no satisfactory progress being achieved; there was poor/ no representation from the local planning authority nor the company in charge.

The Clearstone battery storage proposal has been granted permission by Mid Suffolk District Council; the vote was 5 to 3 in favour. Cllr Petersen attended the Planning Meeting where at he raised serious concerns regarding the expected noise levels from the site, when fully commissioned; Cllr Main had raised concerns regarding the de-commissioning timescales granted and how they varied from those granted for neighbouring developments.

Cllr Main noted that Mid Suffolk District Council Planning Authority is introducing restrictions on energy infrastructure developments which will be contrary to those schemes approved in and around Burstall.

2 Cllrs arrived at the meeting.

1 Cllr arrived at the meeting.

Cllr K Raby presented a report on behalf of the Village Hall.

- 8) Items Raised by Parishioners to Take Forward for Consideration by the Parish Council
No matters were raised.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.47pm

Signed _____

Date _____