Long Stratton Annual Town Meeting

Minutes

Monday 19th May 2025
6.30pm
Long Stratton Pavilion, Manor Road Playing Fields

1) Welcome to the meeting from the Town Council
   The Chairman welcomed all that came to the Town Council meeting. There were 25 people in attendance.

2) Apologies for absence
   Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Baker, Willis, Ciorra and Dickerson.

3) To receive a presentation from the Chairman of Block East Pye Solar
   Annetta Berry from Block East Pye Solar advised those in attendance that she isn't the Chairman but a member of the Committee. Annetta then proceeded to give a detailed presentation regarding the concerns of the proposed Solar Farm that East Pye Solar presents. Please see the presentation as an appendix to the minutes.

4) To receive an update on the bypass from Octavius
   Paul Brown and Nicol High provided an update on the bypass. They advised that they were on track to their project programme and provided drone footage of the bypass to date. The presentation is an appendix to the minutes.

5) To review and adopt the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held 20th May 2024
   The minutes of the meeting held 20th May 2024 were approved by those in attendance and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6) To review Town Council's year end accounts and ask any questions.
   The Clerk summarised the year end accounts. There were no questions asked. Please see the presentation as an appendix to the minutes.

7) To receive a report from the Town Clerk as to the work undertaken in the office.
   The Clerk summarised the work undertaken in the office. Please see the presentation as an appendix to the minutes.

8) To receive a report from the Town Council Chairman regarding the years events and the aspirations for the upcoming year.
   The Chairman gave a report regarding the years events and the aspirations for the upcoming year, please see the presentation as an appendix to the minutes.

9) To receive a report from County Councillor Alison Thomas.
County Councillor Thomas gave an update of Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation and reported the following, following Devolution powers will be devolved to an elected Mayor, however this decision will not be made for some time. Local Government reorganisation, there will be an opportunity for District and County Councils to propose for either 1,2 or 3 unitary Councils. County Council and District Councils re currently working on proposals which have to be submitted to Central Government.

10) To receive a report from District Councillors Georgina Race and Jonathan Carver
District Councillors Race and Carver were not in attendance.

11) To hear from local community groups regarding their year and the aspirations for the upcoming year.
Girl Guiding gave an update. The have had a successful Essex Jamboree during the year and are currently looking forward to the Norfolk Jamboree being held in Norfolk this Summer. They are currently fundraising for this event and have an upcoming Bingo night on 20th June 2025. They are also looking forward to World Thinking Day in February and the Brownies annual trip to Ipswich.

12) To hear from all parishioners and local community groups about aspirations that they wish the Council to consider for future years.
There were no aspirations from the community in attendance. The Chairman urged anyone to contact the Clerk or come to other Town Council meetings to voice their aspirations.

13) The meeting to be opened for discussions and any other business. Any resolutions may be put forward for consideration.
There was no other business raised.

With there being no further comments, the Chairman thanked all those for coming and contributing and closed the Annual Parish Meeting for Long Stratton at 20:52

Signed……..

Dated……..

Appendix's.

Block East Pye Solar presentation

Octavius presentation

Long Stratton Town Council presentation.

Town Clerk : Becky Buck