

LITTLE BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH  
21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 at 7.30pm in Little Blakenham Village Hall

Present – Wally Binder (Chairman).  
Six members of the public.  
District and County Councillor Field.  
Clerk to the Council - Janet Gobey

1. Welcome.  
The Chairman opened the Meeting at 7.30 pm and welcomed everybody to the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Little Blakenham.
2. To approve the Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Parish.  
The Clerk read out the Draft Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Parish. These were agreed and the Chairman signed them as a true and correct record of the Meeting.
3. To receive the Chairman's Annual Report.  
The Chairman delivered his report.  
The Council has held the required number of Meetings. The Chairman thanked the three Councillors who did not stand at the recent Parish Council elections for their service to the Parish Council and to the village.  
A new lease for the Glebeland has been agreed with the Diocese and is going through the required legal process.  
The Chairman thanked the cleaner for his hard work, particularly in the Village Hall, and the volunteer bookings contact for the Village Hall for the support that he gave to the Hall and to users of it.  
SnOasis Reserved Matters - the Chairman reported this has not yet been decided by MSDC. He has attended a number of meetings, including the Planning Committee meeting at Endeavour House and is able to assure residents that the SPA has taken every opportunity to raise their concerns.  
Sterling Suffolk – the first phase is nearing completion.  
Finally, the Chairman thanked Councillors and the Clerk for their hard work and input during the year.
4. To receive the Reports from District and County Councillors.  
Councillor Field presented his Report and handed out copies. A major issue during the year has been reductions in budgets. Government grants have been cut budgets. Brexit is making it difficult to plan for the future.  
Suffolk County Council have declared a 'Climate Emergency'.  
SITA will be applying for an increase in the amount of waste they can burn of about 10%, which is about eight extra lorries a day.  
Special needs provision will be increased in Suffolk.  
School transport – parents now have to opt in or out.

5. To receive the Village Hall Report

The Clerk presented the Village Hall report. Use of the Hall has decreased this year, with very few bookings in the last few months. As a result, income has decreased even further. Costs have increased, particularly electricity and the Hall is running at an increasing loss.

6. Opportunity for parishioners to raise any other relevant matters.

A parishioner asked about the old Sunday School building which is derelict and could present a danger if anyone went in there. John Latham agreed to speak to Lady Blakenham about fencing it off to prevent access.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 7.38 pm.