

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Public Meeting commenced at 7.30pm at Old Newton Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs J Miller - Chair, N Hardman – Vice Chair, M Clements, M Helliwell, A Tween, K Goudy, K Baker, S Graells, K Hall-Price (Clerk & RFO)  
District Cllr R Eburne, District Cllr J Pearson, County Cllr A Stringer, 2 members of the public.

1. **Welcome and to Receive and accept any apologies for absence.** Chair welcomed everyone to the December monthly meeting and advised that some light festive refreshments would be served at the end of the meeting and everyone was welcome to join Cllrs and the Clerk.
2. **To receive any declarations of personal/prejudicial interest & to note dispensations.**
  - a) To consider any requests for dispensations – No new requests received. No existing requests to be recorded. Cllr Baker owns land around planning application for Sandford Road and has declared an interest in this application.
3. **To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 - Agreed as true and accurate record.** Minutes Proposed by Cllr Goudy and seconded by Cllr Clements - All in favour.

**To approve the minutes of the Finance Review meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 - Agreed as true and accurate record.** Minutes Proposed by Cllr Hardman and seconded by Cllr Clements - All in favour. Both sets of minutes will be signed by the Chair accordingly.

4. **Clerks report following previous meeting (to be received as read – Cllr questions)**
  - The village website has been updated to include all minutes and information approved. The finance documents and Final audit report and letter are also on the website.
  - SALC – Clerk and Cllr Clements both attended the SALC conference on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The day was very useful and a good networking opportunity. The videos of the conference topics are available to all Cllrs if they wish to view them through the SALC portal.
  - Street Light out on Rookery Way was reported in September with a view to being repaired by October. Cllr Stringer has chased on our behalf when this is likely to be completed.
  - The notice for Cllr vacancy has been displayed and we should be ok to co-opt from the January meeting. Clerk has not had any interest in the position as yet but will advertise again on the village website and in the Crier for the January edition.

**Allotments / ONGAA**

- At the beginning of November the AW pumping station was gushing water / effluent into the allotments. ONGAA reported this – Ref 24568391. It is listed as requiring further works but no time scale has been offered. ONGAA will keep the clerk updated.
- ONGAA AGM - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 7.30pm. Cllr Goudy attended the meeting. ONGAA have confirmed following the AGM, Ken Smith is the new Chair, Malcolm Barnes Vice Chair, Linda Reynold continues as Treasurer and Christine remains as Secretary.
- Regarding the renewal of the lease on the Scarff land - The present lease runs until January 2025, but with some crops taking up to 12 months to mature, they wish to negotiate this one year in advance. They are very happy with the present arrangements and hope the landowners are also, as the ONGAA membership would very much like it to continue in the present form. If they are able to continue, ONGAA have asked that the update on the land share agreement include the annual bonfire and the sale of excess produce for ONGAA funds - be included in the confirmation (to reduce the number of documents needed to send to the Members!) Clerk to look to include as an agenda item for the January meeting. Allotments committee, Chair and Clerk to meet with the land owners before hand if possible.

**Police Report** – (Crime map stats are always going to be circa 6 weeks out of date).

- July 2023 – 1 x public order offence on or around Greenacres.
- August 2023 – 1 x anti-social behaviour on or around Greenacres. 2 x anti-social behaviour on or around Rookery Way.
- September – 1 x public order offence on or near Cross Green.
- October - data not available at time of print

Stowmarket woman assaulted - Police are appealing for witnesses after a woman was assaulted in a Stowmarket street after she got out of her car. The woman was standing in Hollingsworth Road taking a phone call when an unknown suspect approached her from behind with an unknown weapon and assaulted her. The suspect then ran off towards Ipswich Street.

## 5. Financial matters & Financial report.

- November bank statement has been forwarded to Cllrs on the finance committee and our internal control Cllr.
- Employment Committee Report to include Clerks appraisal and salary recommendations. Clerk left the meeting so Cllrs could discuss Clerks appraisal and salary. Clerk returned to the meeting. Cllr Baker informed the Clerk that Cllrs had agreed a pay grade increase to pay grade LCP 27 from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to reflect the work the Clerk continues to do. Clerk and Chair to sign the appraisal and return to Cllr Baker.
- The finance review meeting took place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Minutes have been circulated to all Cllrs. Finance review report from Cllrs to include preliminary budget preparations. Budget and finance spreadsheets have been issued to all Cllrs for discussion.
- Precept for the financial year 24-25 will be finalised at the January meeting in line with the deadlines in place.
- Remaining funds for 7 coins received for the Kings Coins were banked on 03.12.23 - £25.62. This will show on the December bank statement.

### Bank Account Balances:

- Barclays Statement Balance = **£30,513.74** (29.11.2023)
- Scottish Widows 60 Day account balance = **£3,391.18** (30.06.23)
- Scottish Widows Deposit account = **£254.45** (30.06.23)
- Public Works Loan – Balance outstanding = **£7,666.93** (06.04.2023)

### Accounts for payment in arrears – November 2023:

EXPENDITURE	CHQ/ BACS /SO/ DDR		NET	VAT	TOTAL
Karen Price	Bacs	Salary November £1,284.72 holiday pay (£170.00 saved plus £155.07 = Paid £325.07), less tax £112.40, less NI £67.41, pension £64.40 plus expenses £103.38	£1,468.95		£1,468.95
HMRC PAYE	Bacs	Employee Tax £112.40, Employee NI £67.41 Employer NI £117.55	£297.36		£297.36
Nest Pension	DDR	Employee £64.40, Employer £48.30	£112.70		£112.70
Ian Hammond	Bacs	Cemetery maintenance – November 23	£195.00		£195.00
CGM	Bacs	Village Hall Grass Cutting 01/11/23	£87.81	£17.56	£105.37
The Poppy Appeal	CHQ	Memorial Wreath - Poppy Appeal RBL	£20.00		£20.00
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Payslip				

Proposed by Cllr Hardman and seconded by Cllr Clements – All Cllrs agreed. Clerk to put the November payments through this evening and Cllr Miller to approve on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

## 6. Correspondence Received / Circulars

- Cllr Graells Concerns raised following flooding end of October.
- Resident Email regarding Lorries using Station Road and Falconer Avenue – Cllr Stringer has been made aware.
- BMSDC winter grant to tackle social isolation – Clerk to circulate to community groups or the Crier.
- Proposed Meeting with neighbouring Parish Councils – Meeting re-scheduled to 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> January? Any Cllrs interested in attending should confirm availability to the clerk for these two new dates being offered. Meeting to be scheduled and confirmed venue to be the Pavillion in Haughley.

- Old Newton Bowls Club – Pictures showing the recently refurbished changing room CIL funds were granted towards and request for future storage container funding contributions. Cllrs agreed that no further funds were available from CIL until received from BMSDC. Maybe to apply again in the next financial year 24/25 once additional funds have been received by the Parish Council.
- Planning Enforcement Letters for Greenacres / Church Road Keepmoat development.
- Essex Suffolk & Norfolk Pylons meeting 20<sup>th</sup> January. MP Dan Poulter to attend. Meeting at Offton, Ipswich. Any interested Cllrs to inform the clerk for further details.
- Village Hall Price Increase – Room Hire
- ONGAA – Lease Renewal – covered under Clerks report
- Village Hall – D Day Celebrations request towards costs. Cllrs struggling to see how they can financially support the event as it isn't a tangible fixed asset that can be allocated within the budget process. Clerk to write letter explaining this and offering other ways the Clerk can help support the event on behalf of the Parish Council.

Clerk to ensure all relevant correspondence is forwarded to Cllrs.

## 7. District Councillor's Report (to be received as read – Cllr questions).

**Joint Local Plan-** At Mid Suffolk's Council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November, Part 1 of the Joint Local Plan (JLP) for Mid Suffolk and Babergh was approved and hence adopted.

The JLP sets out a planning framework to guide development in the districts over the period to 2037. At the Planning Inspectors request, the JLP was split into two parts. JLP Part 1 provides a set of strategic and local development management policies against which planning applications and appeals will be assessed. There are 10 strategic policies (such as on affordable housing, climate change and tourism) and 32 local policies (such as on biodiversity, historic environment and sustainable construction). JLP Part 2, which covers housing policies such as settlement boundaries and housing requirements, is being worked on and will be consulted on next year.

**Proposed Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)** - Also, being worked on are a series of supplementary planning documents that will support the JLP and help to inform future planning applications. There are ten SPDs being put forward and these include ones on Biodiversity & Trees, Sustainable Design and Natural & Historic Environment.

**Home insulation** - The *Cosy Homes* initiative has been launched with a £2 million fund. Eligible households can apply for free energy efficiency measures in their own homes, including if privately rented. A contractor has been secured to deliver this programme and they have been able to access further grant funding to contribute to this scheme. Full details to be available via [www.midsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk) This initiative is in addition to a programme of retrofit for the Council's own housing stock. Particularly vulnerable households can continue to access this via the wider Suffolk scheme, [www.warmhomessuffolk.org](http://www.warmhomessuffolk.org)

**Energy efficiency improvements for listed buildings** - It is currently very difficult to retrofit listed buildings so the Council is looking to help with this. Mid Suffolk is consulting on proposals to put in place a Local Listed Building Consent Order to enable owners of listed buildings to improve the energy efficiency of them. If ultimately agreed, this will safeguard our valuable heritage assets but streamline the process for approving balanced and sensitive energy efficiency improvements.

**Flooding** - The Council is continuing to work with residents and businesses affected by the recent flooding events in Mid Suffolk. The County Council has now published a scheme of government grants to support resident and businesses. Those affected should report via SCC highways reporting tool - this will be assessed and passed to Mid Suffolk District Council for processing payments of £500 for residents and £2,500 for businesses. Affected households may also be eligible for a discount on council tax.

**Locality Award** - A reminder that this year's locality awards are still open for applications. Any group or organisation can apply for amounts of £250 or more. Please contact one of us for an application form.

Call for sites for nature recovery.

## **8. County Councillor's Report – (to be received as read – Cllr questions)**

County Cllr report has had to be resent as Clerk and Cllrs couldn't open the documents.

**Extra £10m Investment in Residential Roads** - At Cabinet on Tuesday 7 November, we heard the details of the council's additional £10m investment in resurfacing urban and residential roads, which was announced in May after the local elections. The council plans to use reporting of poor road surfacing on quieter residential roads and cul de sacs where residents live to plot a programme of repairs from now until the end of March 2025. My group also had a recent meeting with the council's new contractor for highways to discuss how works would be undertaken in future. The council's new highways contractor is called Milestone, and the new contract began on 1 October 2023. They will be picking up works started by Kier in the last few months of the previous contract and finishing them as soon as possible.

**Budget Monitoring** - Cabinet reviewed the quarter two monitoring report for the council budget at Cabinet on Tuesday 7 November, with a net overspend of £11.4m now predicted for 2023-24. Budget pressures for the year include placements for children in care, special educational needs (SEND) and adult care. The council is worrying overdrawn on its Dedicated Schools Grant fund, which will be at -£48m by the end of the financial year; this is because government funding for education is not enough to provide it. On the plus side, the council has predicted £7m more in business rate income than forecasted, and £10m of income is expected from the Energy from Waste facility at Great Blakenham from selling energy back to the National Grid.

**Flooding Investigations and Repairs** - Following the recent Storm Babet flooding around the county, Suffolk County Council teams have pumped away 4.7m litres of water, cleared 8,412 drains of storm debris and removed over 100 trees blocking roads. In addition to this, as the lead local flood authority, Suffolk County Council has a duty to investigate the causes of flooding and take action to prevent future floods, and have announced that £1m will be spent on investigating the Storm Babet flooding and improving the county's resilience for further storms and excess rainfall. Additionally, it will be administering the funding recently announced by the government whereby owners of flooded properties are able to apply for up to £5,000 to protect their homes and business from future flooding. Details of how to apply will be shared once they are known.

**LionLink Energy Project** - The council has submitted a second, extensive response to proposals for LionLink, an energy project which could see considerable impacts on Suffolk's coastal communities and natural environment. The council is opposed to the current proposed landing points at Southwold and Walberswick and has asked that better coordination be considered with other offshore energy projects like Sea Link to avoid unnecessary disruption to Suffolk communities and landscapes.

**Libraries Consultation** - The council is consulting on the new library service for the county as the contract with the current provider ends in May 2025. A consultation has been launched to gather views from residents about what they value about the current service and what they think should be developed, especially in terms of outreach and mobile libraries used in the county. If you would like to share your views, you can access the consultation at the following link: <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/LibraryConsultation>

**New Highways Contract for Suffolk Roads** - At Scrutiny Committee on 23 November my group had the opportunity to examine the new Highways contract with Milestone, which began on 1 October 2023. The contract promises better communication with councillors and Suffolk residents, and contains incentives for the new contractor to work efficiently – for example, undertaking other works needed in the same geographical area when they are called out. The committee agreed to review the performance of the contract in 12 months.

**Suffolk Adult Care Rated Good** - Suffolk County Council's adult social services were inspected by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in August and September, and the judgement is that services are good, with strengths in safeguarding, leadership, use of digital technologies and the way SCC works with other local partners to provide care. Areas for improvement included equity in experiences and outcomes, and gaps in dementia and nursing care provision. Delays in getting through to the Customer First phonenumber – the main first point of contact for social care – were also highlighted for improvement.

**Social Worker of the Year Awards** - Suffolk County Council had a successful evening at this year's Social Worker of the Year Awards in London, including a Gold Award for Newly Qualified Adult Social Worker of the Year, and a Silver Award for the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) Team, who work to keep Suffolk

residents safe where they do not have capacity to make their own decisions about their care and treatment. SCC children's services also won a Silver Award in the Children's Service of the Year category. Overall, the county council had six award nominations this year.

Salt gritters not backing up school hill. Cllr Stringer to request this happens moving into the colder months.

## 9. Planning –

- **DC/23/05053** Full Planning Application - Change of use of the existing annexe to a residential dwelling along with the subdivision of the plot. Annexe At 3 Sandford Road Old Newton Suffolk. **Deadline for comments was 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 – Extension approved – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

Cllr Baker has declared an interest as her land is neighbouring the property. The permission was originally granted in 2021 with specific permission that the application would only authorise the use and occupation of the accommodation as incidental and ancillary to the host dwelling. Cllrs were never in favour of this becoming a separate dwelling and would never support any such plans.

The submitted plans will restrict the vehicle entrance and the visibility splay will be blind. Cllrs feel that both driveways will be restricted with a fence down the middle of the driveway as indicated within the application. More worryingly access / visibility to the highway with no turning circle or adequate parking within the driveway will be hazardous for both properties, vehicles unable to turn within the driveway will be forced to reverse out onto a road that is speed restricted to 60mph.

The planning statement quotes many houses that have been allowed but there are a number of houses with annexes in Old Newton and if approved this will set a precedent moving forward. The planning statement supports the need for small housing in the village, however Cllrs believe that with the number of houses planned through the existing two large and already approved housing development applications coming to the village in the next 12 - 18 months there is no additional need for small housing as this is more than covered within the 2 developments that include elements of smaller and affordable housing.

It was proposed by Cllr Hardman and seconded by Cllr Clements that the Parish Council does not support this application due to the access and visibility splays onto the highway. The swiftness from the application approved in 2021 for the initial annex to this new application is concerning. The Parish Council would not have supported a new residential dwelling in the countryside in 2021 and do not support such a dwelling in the countryside today. All Cllrs were unanimously in favour of objecting to this application on the comments included above and therefore this application is strongly objected to at Parish Council level.

***For information our previous comments submitted in July 2021 are detailed below:-***

*This application was discussed at the July 2021 parish council meeting. Cllrs would like to ensure that it remains an ancillary part of the host dwelling and not an independent dwelling. The application states that Parking for 6 vehicles which which Cllrs feel does not seem to be appropriate as manoeuvring / turning would be challenging. The proposed patio will reduce the area to be used for parking / turning. Cllrs believe that there is sufficient room for 4 vehicles but not for 6. Cllrs were generally in favour with the conversion but concerned that having the patio removing the availability of car parking would be of significant impact given that parking needs to be off the road and sufficient for both dwellings. Proposed and seconded that Cllrs accept the application with reservations regarding the parking and the annex remaining ancillary to the host dwelling.*

- **DC/23/05290** Householder Application - Construction of attached garage, erection of single storey rear extension, construction of porch, alterations to existing bungalow and construction of a new vehicular access. 27 Church Road Old Newton Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4ED. **Deadline for comments 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

Cllrs felt that the drawing for the visibility splay is inadequate. Highways response are holding an objection for further information to be provided is echoed by the Parish Council. The shared driveway would still be Parish Council preferred choice for this development. The original application was withdrawn and Cllrs do not feel that this revised application addresses our previous objections enough and our original comments are still very much valid.

***Previous response to be reiterated. - Cllrs acknowledged that Highways have already commented on this application and Cllrs feel that the application suggests the dropped kerb will have to be***

*extended from the property next door and does not give enough of a visibility splay to be safe. Cllrs feel the application is complicating the current access and that the driveway would be better to continue as shared access. The garage would also potentially cause issues with the neighbouring property in terms of proximity and blocking of light. Cllrs were mainly concerned with the access being an issue. Cllrs felt that the application was incomplete and needed more details. Cllrs felt it was difficult to see the impact on the neighbouring properties from the information provided and as such felt this could be misleading. Its a substantial extension within a snug plot. Cllrs raised again the concerns surrounding the access onto the highway and safety for pedestrians. The proposed new access is also close to a staggered crossroads and the limited visibility coming out of the proposed access would be dangerous. The right-hand side boundary in relation to the property is extremely snug. Residential amenity will be impacted and how close to the adjacent property the new boundary will be, there will be insufficient space to exit the property from the side door onto the neighbouring driveway. Cllrs believe there is not sufficient space available between the two properties and felt that there will not be sufficient room to turn vehicles around safely if the current shared driveway becomes sole use of the neighbouring property. Cllrs agreed that the objections are primarily regarding the access and believe it would be better to retain the shared driveway, pedestrian safety if the proposed driveway is approved and the proximity of the boundary to both neighbouring properties will have an impact. It was proposed and seconded to object to this application on the above points discussed. All Cllrs were unanimously in favour of objecting to this application. Application refused at Parish Council level.*

The Parish council fully support comments submitted by Highways. Proposed by Cllr Hardman to object to this new application. Seconded by Cllr Graells – All in favour to object to this application. Application refused at Parish Council level.

- **DC/23/04800** Householder Application - Demolition of existing south extension to farmhouse and rebuilding south extension reusing part of the existing timber frame. Yew Tree Farm Ward Green Old Newton IP14 4EZ. **Deadline for comments 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

Discussed last month for the listed element – Cllrs asked Clerk to reiterate previous comments from both applications. NO objections - The proposed plans look to enhance the property and provide for modern family living. Proposed by Cllr Clements, seconded by Cllr Goudy – All in favour of approval.

Cllrs feel strongly that the applicant is trying to restore using relevant materials, the proposals appear sympathetic to the area and existing properties on Ward Green. Cllrs feel that the proposed works do not appear to be detrimental to the property and Cllrs could not see any substantial harm to the existing asset. Our comments from the previous listed building consent are relevant to this application and are detailed below.

*The structural survey on this property has identified that at some stage an extension had been added that is now in need of repair. The application proposes to re-build the southern end of the property. Cllrs noted that the current owners have invested considerably already into this property and Cllrs felt that the applicants should be commended and supported in their efforts to restore and protect this property or it would fall into further disrepair. All works completed to date have been done sympathetically and in line with Heritage recommendations.*

The proposed plans look to enhance the property and provide for modern family living. Proposed by Cllr Clements, seconded by Cllr Goudy – All in favour of approval. Application approved at Parish Council level.

## **10. Planning Decisions & Church Road Development Update**

- **DC/23/05033** - Application for Works to Tree Subject to Preservation Order (MS08/A1) - T1 Ash - Remove the lowest lateral limb that overhangs the adjacent mulberry tree. The Cottage, 1 Chapel Road, Old Newton, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4PP Mid Suffolk District Council as Local Planning Authority, hereby give notice that **CONSENT HAS BEEN GRANTED.**

### **KeepMoat Development – Church Road**

- **DC/19/02878** - Application for a Non-Material Amendment relating to revise pedestrian footway drawing to resolve land ownership issues and s278 agreement with SCC Highways. Location: Land East Of,

Greenacres, Old Newton, Suffolk. Confirm that the amendments to the proposal have been determined to be approved.

- **DC/23/05079 - DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**  
Proposal: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/02878 - Condition 21 (Vehicle Infrastructure)  
Location: Land Adjacent, Church Road, Old Newton, Suffolk. This relates to the slab level which has initially been reported to enforcement as they are above slab level presently. However, I think this may be the permission granted for this.
- **Alleged breach of Condition 8 (Construction Management Plan) of planning permission DC/19/02878 – construction traffic leaving mud on the highway.** Enforcement visited the site and noted the mud on the highway. After speaking to the site manager, it became apparent that the developers were asked to move the wheel washing facilities from the entrance of the site because it was too noisy. Enforcement advised the site manager that it is a requirement of the Construction Management Plan for vehicles wheels to be washed when exiting the site and therefore the jet wash needed to remain at the entrance, and he agreed to move it back. Enforcement also discussed the large muddy pot hole in the access, and requested that this was filled in, which has now been completed. The developer advised that there had been some mix ups with the street sweeper, however they have sought another company and will ensure that the road is regularly swept to remove any mud on the highway. As a result of the above actions, enforcement have closed this case. If we feel that the mud continues to be an issue, we can re-open the case and take action with the developer once again.
- **Clerk has still not heard from the developer with regard to setting up any liaison meetings.**

#### 11. Cemetery Shed Proposed Works

- Porch Builders a local reputable building company have given the Clerk a quote for the shed at the cemetery to have the asbestos removed and disposed of under licence, replace with plastic soffit board and fascia boards, repair rotten wood where required on the rear doors, replace the cast iron gutters and down pipes with new plastic gutters and to clear the moss and debris from the roof. Total works **£5,280 + VAT**.
- Additional like for like quote received from PRG Property Maintenance. Total works **£4,400. No VAT**.

The money will be taken from CIL funds held. These works would ensure that the shed is good for the next 25 years. We can change the works for cheaper options if replacing with wood but this will then need maintenance every 3-5 years or so.

As a responsible council it was proposed Paul Green should be awarded the contract as it was a like for like quote but cheaper as presumably Paul is a smaller business with smaller overheads. This was Proposed by Cllr Hardman, seconded by Cllr Helliwell – All Cllrs in favour. Clerk to respond.

#### 12. D Day Celebrations 2024 – Letter received from Village Hall Committee. Discussed as part of correspondence received.

#### 13. Footpaths Committee Update – Posters / Footpath Signage / Fingerposts –

Quote for an A1 map – Cllr Baker has now received the quote for the large map from chapel signs. Budget is pre-approved and quote is within the budget– Incorporates everything on the trifold. Leaflets are now in the shop, church and Gipping Chapel and a leaflet holder to be placed at the front of the village hall.. Chairman and Cllrs agreed that this was a project very well done and it is hoped this will see the end of this project once the map is installed.

#### 14. Cllrs matters to be bought to the council.

- Cllr Graells – Visited the school and they are putting up a new building behind the pink house for a classroom. The plans are looking good. They apparently do not need planning permission but SCC will submit one on behalf of the School so there will an opportunity to be consulted on.
- Cllr Tween – Fingerpost on Sandford road is knocked down. Mayhews footpath finger post is also down. Report on the SCC reporting tool.
- Cllr Helliwell – SID battery charger assistance required – Cllr Tween agreed to look at it together. Chair gave thanks for the work being done.
- SALC conference videos available if any Cllrs would like to view them.

#### 15. Public Forum – Nothing.

#### 16. Additional Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the January 2024 meeting.

- Cemetery Shed Works Update

- Budget –Papers / Precept
- Allotments

**17. Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.** Chair wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and invited everyone to stay and enjoy the light refreshments provided by the Chair, Clerk and Mrs Goudy of course for her famous sausage rolls.

**Meeting closed at 21.37hrs.**