**SIDLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**HELD AT SIDLESHAM MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND HALL WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY 2024 AT 7:00PM**

**Councillors Present:** Mr Martin Mellodey (Chairman), Mr David Guest, Mrs Mary Monnington, Mrs T Parsons, Mrs Tricia Tull, Mr Pieter Montyn (WSCC)

**Also Present:**  42 Sidlesham parishioners.

**Apologies:**  Mr Adrian Harland, Mrs Corina Hall. Mr Lewis Ramm, Mr Nick Wade (Vice Chairman), Mrs Donna Johnson (CDC) and Mrs V Weller (CDC)

Mr Mellodey welcomed parishioners and Councillors to the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting.

1. **Chairman’s Parish Council Annual Report**

The Chairman explained that they had organised a leaflet to be printed and delivered to advertise the Annual Parish Meeting but understood that unfortunately not everyone had received one. He asked for a show of hands as to who had received it and of those present only fifty percent confirmed they had. The Chairman reported that this was disappointing but happy to see everyone who attended and thanked those who were present for their contribution in parish matters. He also passed on congratulations and thanks to Cllr Montyn for his promotion and his continued support to the Parish Council.

The Chairman asked for a proposer and seconder for the approval of the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting on the 26th April 2023. Cllr T Tull proposed ad Cllr M Monnington seconded that they be approved and signed. All agreed.

The Chairmen then read his report, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A. As there were no questions, he welcomed Mr T Monnington from the Manhood Farmers Cluster Group for his presentation.

1. **Manhood Farmers Cluster Group**

Mr Tom Monnington with the help of Ms S Robson Mary gave a presentation about farming with wildlife on the Manhood Peninsula. They are a group of six farmers managing land on the coastal plain south of Chichester working together to grow sustainable food, enhance areas of wildlife habitat and increase populations of local species. It was enjoyed by everyone who attended, and several questions were asked at the end of the presentation. For more information about the Group, please go to their website at manhoodfarmers.co.uk.

The Chairman closed the meeting encouraging those present to participate in the refreshments after thanking all those present for attending.

The meeting closed at 2030.