

**Minutes of Sotherton Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Monday 15th May 2023 6.30 pm in Wenhaston Village Hall (prior to AGM)**

- Attendees:** Parish Councillors – Gerard Walker (Chairman), Rosemary Parry, Robert Bucknell, Barry Martin, Louise Sharman, Beryl Goldbart and the clerk, Ann Donnachie.
- Apologies:** Cllr Alison Cackett & Suffolk County Councillor Annette Dunning
- Others:** East Suffolk Councillors Beth Keys-Holloway and Geoff Wakeling

1. **Parish Council Chairman's report on the year:** The Chairman, Gerard Walker delivered a report on the year's events and successes, reproduced here:

A great deal has happened over the past year with the celebration of Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee in June last year at the Westhall Racehorse. We wish to thank our District Councillor Tony Goldson for a £500 donation from their Communities Budget to this event which was a great success and allowed our residents to celebrate together as a community. However, it was with regret that we heard of the sad death of our Queen in September. In May it was a pleasure to celebrate with the local community the Coronation of our new monarch King Charles II at the Blyford Queens Head.

Two of our councillors we have lost, Cllr Dominic Meek and Cllr Justin Phillips we thank them for their excellent service and we wish them our very best for the future. However, we welcomed two more excellent councillors in the last year Cllr Alison Cackett and Cllr Berl Goldbart both bringing a wealth of knowledge to the table.

During the year we dealt with the usual planning applications and considered a defibrillator.

We have made enquiries about the practicalities of moving the thirty mile an hour speed limit towards Bulcamp just at the bottom end of Kings Lane, but as usual with most things so terribly expensive, it has still not happened.

I look forward to seeing you all in the coming year.

2. **Comments from Members of the Public:** None.
3. **Any Other Business:** None

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Signed and Approved: G. A. Walker Chairman Dated: 20 / May / 24  
Cllr Gerard Walker