

PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Notes on the Annual Village Meeting
held at Peasehall Assembly Hall on Wednesday 25th May 2022 at 7.00 pm

1. The Chairman welcomed the audience and explained the format of meeting
2. The Reverend Tim Rogers, Rector of the Yoxmere Benefice gave a talk about the role of the church in the community. He leads three Church services every Sunday. His work involves counselling, visiting care homes and other outreach work. There are 1000 listed Church buildings in Suffolk, and volunteers help with the maintenance of them, as at Sibton.

Forward plans? There are few young people in congregations, a nationwide pattern. But there is a family friendly service once a month in Yoxford and it's well- attended. Growth in pastoral care is another aim. The Church needs to be welcoming and non-judgmental. He worries how difficult it feels to enter a church if it's not a regular habit. He stressed that there are no obligations or expectations. Over the course of time he hopes to get acquainted with more villagers. A good thing that came from Covid was that people kept in touch with the elderly, doing shopping etc and he would like to see this continue beyond a time of crisis.

3. **Public Forum**

- a) The people who run Bingo in the Assembly Hall and elsewhere reported that their notices have disappeared from two locations, most likely to have been removed by Suffolk highways, because flyposting is not allowed on Highways land. The Chairman advised finding private land
- b) A member of the public said that his front wall has been damaged by drivers struggling with the broken bridge on the Causeway. The broken bridge has repeatedly reported to Suffolk Highways and each time this happens, photographs are taken but no remedial work is done. The Community Officer Mr Sparrow is

annoyed by this and says it is a problem with the back office. PPC have considered signage. Cllr Levett-Scriver had wanted a new permanent bridge and wasn't successful but everyone has got used to the Seamans temporary bridge and there was support for replacing it with a permanent one from the public present. Could we leaflet the village to canvas opinion?

ACTION: to arrange a leaflet drop

- a) The Chairman presented a report on the activities of the Parish Council since 2019
- b) Cllr Levett-Scriver reported that the Church Lands Trust has planted a wildflower meadow with Peasehall and Sibton Parish councils contributing to the cost. It will be reviewed in three years' time.
- c) The Chair of the Assembly Hall Committee gave a report. They have lost 5 trustees but gained 3, so there are now 7 committee members. Current events include Film nights, Yoga, Tai-Chi and Meet up Wednesdays. The drive is going to be refunded and there are plans to insulate the Hall which will be funded by grants.
- d) Cllr Benstead (Tree Warden) is keeping an eye on an oak tree in Mill Lane
- e) Reports on activities were received from the, Peasehall United Charities, the Tennis Club, the 'Gents Club' and the Peasehall and Sibton Bowls Club