

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 6 April 2011 at
7.00pm in the Coronation Hall, Wilby**

1. **Welcome by the Chair of the Parish Council** – The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **To approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 8 April 2010** - The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8 April 2010, having previously been published on the website and the parish notice board were approved, proposed and seconded by Cllr. Holliday and Mr F Dupuy respectively and signed by the Chair
3. **To discuss any matters arising from these minutes** – No matters arising
4. **To receive a report from the County Councillor McGregor** – Cllr. G McGregor updated those present. A report is attached. Please see Appendix 1
5. **To receive an annual report from the District Councillor Gemmill** – Cllr. S Gemmill updated those present. A report is attached. Please see Appendix 2
6. **To receive an annual report from the Suffolk Constabulary** – PCSO Steven Long updated those present. A report is attached. Please see Appendix 3
7. **To receive an annual report from the Chair of the Parish Council** – The Chair updated those present. A report is attached. Please see Appendix 4
8. **To receive annual reports for parish organisations and groups:**
 - 8.1. **Wilby Village Hall** – Cllr. M Ward updated those present at the meeting. A report is attached. Please see Appendix 5
 - 8.2. **Wilby Women's Institute** – The WI meets on the 3rd Thursday in the month and the meetings last about two hours. The institute have regular guest speakers, competitions, refreshments, and fundraising activities. During the last 12 months they had had a stall at the school fete and the county fayre. They have a darts team who plays in the local WI League.
 - 8.3. **Wilby School** – Garry Deeks, the Head teacher at the school presented the school's successes which includes 114 children on the school roll, including nursery level; the highest for many years. There are 4 classes with the reception and nursery years combined (Foundation Stage). Joint provision with Worlingworth is providing increased sessions for those under 5 years as well as an extended hours provision. In the Pyramid Cluster, including 7 local schools the girls and boys have performed very well and their results were first and second across Suffolk respectively. There are 24 members of staff, 5 full and 19 part time. The school is working in partnership with five other local primary schools and Stradbroke High School with a view to sharing services and reducing costs and the partnership is now considering the possibility of seeking group academy status from September 2011 following consultations with parents and the community
 - 8.4. **Caterpillar Dance Club** – The Chair updated those present at the meeting. A report is attached. Please see Appendix 6
 - 8.5. **You'll be Fine with Niall** - Niall sent his apologies and forwarded a written report to the clerk. Please see Appendix 7
 - 8.6. **St Mary's Church** – The Chair represented the church and presented a report to everyone at the meeting. A copy of the report is attached. Please see Appendix 8

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Chair, Wilby Parish Council

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9. **Parishioners Forum** – No comments

10. **Meeting Close** – The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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Appendix 1

Wilby AP M
06-Apr-11

- 1 Severe Winter.
Cost about "20 million in damage
£4 million from Central Gov pleased to receive.
Good progress in repair potholes.
- 2 Reduction 2010/11 reduction in Central Giv Grant
- 3 For 2011/12 reduction in cash terms of £35 million from Central Gov but a
£42.5 million in Revenue Funding
- 4 This is why Waste Site and Library and Public Transport are under
discussion.
- 5 Care Hoes like Paddock House
- 6 Archaeology and DRT and Community Bus
- 7 County Town and Waveney
- 8 CEO
- 9 Cost efficient.
- 10 Well received by PC and good attendance by me.

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Report from the District Council

I noticed that in my report last year, we had just started discussions with Babergh DC on joint working, and these discussions and putting them into practice have been at the top of the agenda for the whole year. The reasons for joint working, and ultimately perhaps a full merger, are to make very considerable savings in management costs. We have been jointly running the waste service now for more than a year already saving the taxpayer £400,000 per year. We have just agreed to take on a new Chief Executive for the two authorities at a modest salary, Charlie Adan, and she will start work next month. It's anticipated that further joint appointments will be made for the rest of the Management Teams. Additionally we are now running our Revenues and Benefits section with both Babergh and Ipswich.

It was always anticipated that the cuts in our Government Grant would be severe, and in reality they were worse than expected. In relation to our turnover, the Govt cuts have been more severe to Mid Suffolk than those to the County Council. Couple this to a Government instruction that we should freeze Council Tax and you can see why our decision to save costs through joint working have been so important, and that unlike the County Council we have been able to resist cuts to front line services.

The other large project that I mention every year is Snoasis. I serve on the specially formed Snoasis Planning Committee and we have received several applications of Reserved Matters during the year. This whole process seems to grind forward incredibly slowly because the applicant is very slow in bringing them forward. We did recently, however, complete the planning approval for the residential element of the development which includes 113 affordable houses for which we managed to secure an HCA grant of £5.85 million.

Funding for affordable housing is now more difficult to acquire. In Wilby we have a scheme being put forward by Orwell Housing on land which would be given free of charge by MSDC to the rear of Church Close. I understand that that has now been put forward as a bid, and we wait to find out whether it will be selected by CLG for grant funding and when. *(Foul Waste)*

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Stradbroke Parish Council is working in conjunction with the Planning Policy section at Mid Suffolk on what is being considered as a Pilot project to provide some affordable homes as part of a mixed development. Watch this space!

When I was first elected to the Council the Swimming Pool was being constructed. Now 20 years later, although having been suggested on a number of occasions, we are at last getting an extension to provide a gymnasium. It should be opening next month and I am really looking forward to a further addition to the fabulous facilities that we have in the village.

And so I come to the end of another 4 year session of the District Council and whether or not I shall be presenting a report to your next Annual Parish meeting will depend on the outcome of the election on May 5th but I am always ready to give any help to local residents or to answer any questions or criticisms.

Stuart Gemmill

6th April 2011

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Wilby Annual Parish Meeting Report

Between April 2010 and April 2011, the parish of Wilby has had 2 recorded crimes. These were –

1. Common Assault in a domestic incident where no injury occurred.
2. Criminal Damage to a motor vehicle, although it was not known for definite if the damage occurred at the home address.

The Stradbroke ward, featuring Stradbroke, Wilby and Laxfield came 6th in the top ten safest wards to live in the whole of the Suffolk County, which is a pleasing statistic to note. Overall, crime levels are the same as previous years, although some parishes have experienced a few more thefts of Heating Oil and scrap metal due to the current high value.

The Mid Suffolk North Police Team recently conducted free catalytic converter marking on vehicles on 2 dates between February and March. This was at Barley Green Garage in Stradbroke, and was a highly successful initiative, where anybody could turn up in a vehicle and within 5 minutes, the converter was marked. So in the unfortunate occurrence of a theft, we would be able to check at scrap metal yards for markings. We are looking to do again in June or July.

Suffolk is a low cost force, but in line with police forces across the county, we are facing an unprecedented financial situation. We are facing a cut in funding of approximately £13.5 million over the next four years, based on current estimates. The Constabulary is operating a recruitment freeze for both officers and staff, and the Business Support Review is approaching the implementation phase of creating shared support units with Norfolk Constabulary. This will provide collaborative support to our frontline services, achieving savings of an estimated £9.8million over 4 years.

The coalition Government intends to introduce directly-elected Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) to replace Police Authorities. Members of the public will directly vote for an individual to represent their community's policing needs, and the first elections are due to take place in May 2012. PCCs will be in place to ensure that police forces work to deliver value for money and that they are meeting local policing priorities.

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PCCs will set force budgets, including setting the strategic plan and priorities for policing, and will have the power to appoint and where necessary, remove the Chief Constable.

Finally, as we approach the spring and summer seasons, please be aware that we do see an increase in battery, trailer and caravan thefts. So please be vigilant and careful.

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The Mid Norfolk Rural Police Team recently conducted five catalytic converter thefts on vehicles on 3 dates between February and March. This was at the 'Crown Garage' in Stradbroke, and was a highly successful heist, where nobody could touch a vehicle and within 5 minutes, the converter was marked. So in the unfortunate occurrence of a theft, we would be able to check at scrap metal yards for markings. We are looking to do again in June or July.

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WILBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 6 APRIL 2011
Report from Chairman of the Parish Council

This has been a year of considerable change for the Parish Council, as we have a new Chairman, a new Clerk and a number of new Councillors. I would like to pay tribute to my predecessor, Geoff Short, who carefully lead the Council , leading on planning applications and acting as the Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee. We have also said goodbye this year to Sarah Kellett and Paul Denham whom we thank for their service. We have welcomed on to the Council Matt Stanford and Todd Strehlow. Special mention must be made however of our former Clerk, Penny Dupuy who served the Council on a largely voluntary basis for 16 years. Fortunately her extensive knowledge of Wilby and the deliberations of the Council is not lost for she has now joined the Council as a Councillor. Our new Clerk, Alex Pullen, assumed office in April last year and we have all being getting used to a new more disciplined regime – one of the benefits being that our meetings now finish a little earlier than they used to. I am most grateful to our Councillors and Clerk for their contributions to the Council.

As an innovation, we have been publishing in the Parish Newsletter notes of the proceedings of the Council as an alternative to reading the minutes on the notice board or web site, although these remain the official record. We hope that residents have found these notes helpful and informative. This year we have dipped our toes into the issue of emergency planning and work is progressing in developing a contact list of key individuals, in planning for an emergency centre and in providing residents with essential information. This year has also seen confirmation that the land to the rear of Church Close is to be developed for affordable housing for people with a live or former connection with Wilby. We understand that the developer, Orwell Housing Association, will be submitting a final design for planning approval in the next month or so. Road safety remains an issue in the village, a 20 mph advisory zone has been installed in the vicinity of the school and steps are in hand, in particular, to improve the safety of the school crossing point. We have also given detailed consideration to the question as to whether the Parish Council should seek formal ownership of Wilby Green. Most recently we had an informal meeting, with legal advice kindly proved by Douglas Edwards QC, to ensure that the Council has a common basis of knowledge on the status of Wilby Green as common land, on the Council's powers and the procedures relative to illegal encampments and the implications, including the financial implications, of taking ownership. The Council will consult with residents before reaching any final decision on the matter.

The major changes in services being implemented by Suffolk County Council afford an opportunity for communities such as ours to take on minor local services but the Council is not aware, at the moment, of any pressing demand from the community to do so. We also look forward to seeing the outcome of the proposed merger by Mid Suffolk District Council.

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Turning to financial matters, in the year ending 31 March 2011, the Council's income was £1,833 of which £1,780 came from the Council Tax and the balance from bank interest and a VAT refund. Our expenditure was £1,956, the main items being Clerk's salary and expenses £1327, Insurance £190, Subscriptions £159, Audit Fee £95, and Village Hall hire £90.

I have mentioned the contribution made by my fellow Councillors, I would like also to thank District Councillor Stuart Gemmill and County Councillor Guy Mc Gregor and the Police for their contributions to our regular meetings. Also we are fortunate in having Fred and Penny Dupuy as our very dutiful Footpath Wardens. I would also thank those members of the public who have attended and enlivened our meetings. Your participation is essential in helping the Council in its endeavours to do what is best for the village.

Ian Williamson
6 April 2011

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Appendix 5

Parish Council A & M.

Coronation Hall, Wilby

6th April 2011.

Many thanks go

The hall has been home to many ^{more} events this year.

Thank you to the Newsletter editor for advertising them so well.

Sadly Jack Warne, ^{the} tireless barman, died.

He was the last of the volunteers who built the hall 1953-55 and was delighted to see the new roof in Autumn 2010.

28 years ago it was recorded it needed to be "replaced soon!"

The Kingspan roofing included thick insulation and the hall is now much warmer. $\frac{2}{3}$ of costs came from the SJK Environmental Trust + Community Development. ~~and~~ Gay McGregor arranged for £1700 to pay our Landfill charges. Money well spent!

Now the utility end of the hall ~~needs~~ and the windows need upgrading. The cost will be more than that for the roof.

The result will invite more people to hire the hall when it meets their expectations of what facilities ~~is~~ should be available.

The "Knones" band has been for the third time and is a popular fund raiser. That band is coming again 10th Dec.

Other outstanding musicians play for Sat. night dances.

How wonderful it would be if more people supported them.

~~Added to~~ ~~bring~~ our regular weekly lets ~~is~~ a class for tap, jazz and classical

ballet dancing.

Some younger people are new to the committee so we look forward to new ideas. We need to hear your thoughts too

e.g. someone requested a baby changing facility should be there - now it is!

Young lady, Lisa has taken over the bar with Kim & Dawn to help when needed. Hall, church & school are important in our village. They belong to you, all the people who live in Wilby.

People move, others come. Many do assist with keeping these buildings alive. Join us.

Many thanks to all who have moved & those still here, for their generous efforts.

Marian Ward

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Appendix 6

Parish Council report from the Caterpillar Dance Club

16th March 2011

The caterpillar dance club was formed a few years ago to share the enjoyment of dancing without the formality and expense of dance lessons.

We meet on a Monday evening to practise with each other; “sequence” dances, which are ballroom dance steps and moves that are choreographed and internationally recognised so that every pair of dancers on the floor are dancing in a synchronised manner to music that complements the moves. There are nearly 4,000 sequence dances, some of these are over a hundred years old, like the “Veleta” with others a matter of just a few days; e.g. The “Ave Rose Gavotte” that came out in February this year, and which we practised last Monday.

Learning the dance steps and moves in the ‘sequence dances’ allows the dancers to use these in ordinary ballroom dances but in a random order to suit each person’s ‘fancy’, Latin dances included.

Dancing and learning new dances is a fun way of keeping both mind and body fit and healthy with an opportunity to meet and make new friends. The caterpillar dance club aims to prepare budding dancers for social dance events like Wilby’s Saturday dances, giving them confidence to get onto the dance floor.

The club meets on Monday evenings at 7.30pm for a two-hour session revising several old dances and being introduced to perhaps one new dance. It is a very informal and hopefully fun evening. It can be exhausting and mind blowing but how else can the mind learn and the body get fit?

A recommended evening out

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All About Us

You'll Be Fine with Niall was born about two years ago. Originally the idea was to provide somewhere for people to come and practice anything they had learnt in classes throughout the week. It is so difficult finding the space to practice outside normal class time. We wanted to offer that opportunity and Wilby Coronation Hall stood out as the ideal venue. The first evening there was just myself and Lyn there for four hours. We had the chance to practice everything. Soon word got round and we had a regular small following of people who came to practice and share what they had learnt. At this point people found out about us by word of mouth and recommendation. Our next step was to allocate four Friday evenings throughout the year purely as a Social dance. A chance to get dressed up and come and dance. These were a big hit too. We also held a Charity dance in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. Sadly despite our efforts and a technical hitch at The Diss Express Publishing Plant the article that was supposed to tell people about the dance didn't come out until the Saturday Morning! We still had a good time and raised £150. By this time i had started to teach throughout Suffolk and Norfolk too. This is when we decided to start a Beginners class at Wilby. Starting from very basic and working our way through the various Ballroom and Latin American dances. This would bring a new group of people into the world of dance and give them the opportunity to practice what they have learnt. As far as

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the future is concerned we intend to carry on along the same lines. Providing the class and chance to practice each and every week. We will continue with the Social dances every three months. Tea dances will continue though may have a rethink when i come to plan next years itinerary. That is unless we have a sudden increase in numbers. Alongside all this we offer at Wilby we will continue to offer the following throughout Norfolk and Suffolk:-

- *Tea Dances*
- *Social Dances*
- *Ballroom/Latin American Classes*
- *Popular Sequence Dance Classes*
- *Workshops*
- *Saturday Evening Dances*
- *Dance Weekends*
- *Private Lessons*
- *First Dance Choreography*

You can find out what we are up to by checking out our website www.youllbefinewithniall.co.uk or our Bi Monthly Newsletter.

Niall

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**REPORT FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH - IAN WILLIAMSON
CHURCHWARDEN**

The Church has continued to run a full range of services and we have been pleased to see an increase in the numbers attending the monthly family oriented Village Worship service with numbers holding up well for the more traditional services of Holy Communion and Morning Prayer. Our Vicar, Fiona Newton, has continued to lead our services whenever she can, whilst tending the needs of six parishes in the benefice, being the Rural Dean for Hoxne deanery and whilst helping the diocese on a range of tasks including the selection of candidates to undergo training for the ministry. We are delighted that she has recently been made a Canon in recognition of her services to the diocese. Fiona has been ably supported by Ron Orams, Lorraine Dawson, until recently our curate, and of course by those lay members of the Church who lead services when the clergy are not available.

Like all charities, St Mary's has to make its way financially and this has been and remains a key focus for the Parochial Church Council. It costs some £18,000 each year to run the church, the main items of expenditure being the Parish Share - which meets the costs of the clergy, heating and lighting and insurance. Against this regular donations from the congregation produce about £6000, church fees for marriages, funerals etc. £1600 and advertising in the Parish Newsletter £535. The balance has to met from fund raising or reserves as does any unforeseen expenditure such as repairs to the tower, currently costed at £31,000 notwithstanding £12,000 being spent on the tower in 2009.

Fund raising is therefore critical if we are to continue to have a functioning church in Wilby. We are therefore most grateful to the unstinting support that we receive from the community in Wilby whenever a fund raising event is put on, normally in this hall. Last year we had a talk on the Chelsea Physic Garden, the Flower Festival, the Barn Dance and of course the Christmas Cracker. Together these events raised nearly £6500. Our thanks go not only to those who attended but also to the Social Committee and others who worked so hard preparing for and running these events. In addition last year we had a most generous response to our village wide appeal for funds for the church.

As part of our mission and our commitment to support those in greater need than ourselves need we have continued to donate funds to meet the costs of secondary education, which is not publically funded, for two girls in Kenya. Catherine has passed her exams and is hoping to get into college. Juliana is working hard to improve her grades so that she too can get into college.

It is clear that the community of Wilby is very supportive of St Mary's whether individuals are regular churchgoers or not. This is reflected in the numbers attending the main Christian festivals during the year, the response to the village wide appeal and other fund raising activities, the mix of people coming to the

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monthly Drop In and by the individual help given in so many different ways: cleaning, flower arranging, mowing the churchyard, publishing printing and distributing the parish newsletter to name but a few. On behalf of the Parochial Church Council could I just extend our very warm thanks to all concerned. Without you the Church would not be here.

I should finally mention that our next event in the Village Hall is the Royal Wedding party on 30 April - we look forward to seeing you all in your finery and hearing reminiscences of wedding days long past.

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