



Annual Town Meeting
held at the Town Hall,
Monday 17th April 2023, at 6.30pm.

Chaired by the Mayor of Stalham Town Council
Cllr Kevin Bayes

Locum Clerk: Doreen Joy

Public:44

Minutes

Welcome and Annual report from the Mayor of Stalham Town Council.

Welcome Ladies gentlemen, organisations, and residents of the Parish of Stalham.

There is no official Fire Drills planned this evening so if the alarm goes off please remain calm and exit the building via the nearest exit, the assembly point is to the left of you and behind you.

My name is Kevin Baynes and I am Mayor of Stalham Parish Council which is clearly an honour and a privilege. I have lived in Stalham 58 of my 61 years, went to primary and secondary school and have been part of many organisations which include Stalham Town FC and Stalham Bowls Club

It is good to see so many of you in attendance at our AGM – and many of our community organisations in attendance.

Having worked for over 35 years in education it is always seen as good practice to review and evaluate the year, to reflect and that is what I would like to do in a short summary.

I would like to provide a short summary of this year's

We conducted a survey regarding reinstating the market into our Town – this is an ongoing discussion on how and when this can happen. We held a very successful street fair in July of last year which is planned to be repeated on July 23rd this year.

Town Hall secured (106 monies) of £20K which was part of the development agreement with McCarthy and Stone -

Queen's Jubilee In our role as trustees of Stalham and Brumsted Recreation Ground we were able to secure approximately £7K of funding to provide celebrations at the recreation ground and Poppy Centre. The Council also will the help of its residences including Ray Woolston set up a photographic Exhibition showing pictures of Stalham through the decades of the Queen's reign.

The council has been proactive in working closely with Stalham Business Forum over the past year offering support at various events. Supported erecting the flags for the Queen's Jubilee and Flags and Christmas Trees ready for the Christmas Period. Our aim is to continue this relationship and support for our businesses and events in a coordinated process.

As a mark of respect, the council organised the planting of 3 trees on the Recreation ground to coincide with Remembrance Day. One tree was planted in memory for those parishioners who died in conflict (planted by the British Legion), one in memory of Flicka Henwood the first female chair of the council and a member of Stalham in Bloom (planted by members of Stalham in Bloom) and the final one as part of the Queen's Canopy initiative (planted by STC)

We acknowledged as a Town the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands Conflict by a Parade through the High Street which cumulated with a service at St Mary's Church. The service marked sacrifice of our armed forces and in particular Richard Dunkley who died in the conflict.

New gates were installed at the closed graveyard on Camping Field – replacing the rotten wooden ones. Gates were also replaced to the church entrance opposite the old Primary School on Brumstead Road.

We are in the process of extending the burial ground at Campingfield Road, with ground being cleared and seeded with driveway being installed at some point this year. We have planted primulas and crocus bulbs at the graveyard during this year. And it should be noted that we changed grass contractors for the cutting of grass at all the burial grounds, to a local company with significant improvement being visible.

We are in the process of taking over managing and cutting the grass in the Town and have agreed a contractor who has been contracted to cut the grass up to 12 times during the growing season,

We have made applications for funding and have support the application for funding of the development of the Baptist Chapel. Successful applications were made for Audio and Acoustic projects at the Poppy Centre. NNDC Warm Homes Grant, enabling the parish to provide £50 to each of our elderly/disable residence who met the required criteria.

We have Litter Picks – National Litter pick day as well as weekly volunteers providing time to keep Stalham clear and free from litter for the benefits of its residence and visitors to Stalham.

Visit of the High Sheriff of Norfolk, Michael Gurney who visited the Poppy Centre, the High School, Baptist Chapel and The Museum of The Broads.

The Town Council has made significant progress in the development of Strategic Plan/Vision for Stalham, and which will tie in with the 'High Street Task Force' programme, which is a national project aimed to help local communities and local authorities to transform their high streets. Stalham was included in NNDC successful application.

Neighbourhood Plan – again a successful application has provided consultants to help the NHP committee to develop a plan which you will be hearing from Chris soon.

We understand the importance of communication and transparency -the development of a newsletter Staithe New notice boards and picnic furniture installed for disabled access.

Cutting and clearing of the Pond on Stalham Green
Replacement of 3-4 streetlights on Old Yarmouth Road
Easter Event at the Town Hall

Supported the A149 Review

Poppy centre – (as trustees)

- Queen’s Jubilee
- Grants – Jubilee 7K
- Acoustic and sound system
- Additional 11 adult pitch added to the junior pitches

Future Plans

King’s Coronation: 7th May – 12.00 to 17.00 Stalham Recreation Ground – this event will mirror the Queen’s Coronation in 1953

Quiz night

Artisan Street Market - 23rd July 2023

Community Shop – funding confirmed in process of completing necessary requirement – trustee group consisting of churches, Business Forum and STC Refurbishment of the Town Hall using 106 monies – False ceiling & lighting, update heating and refurbishment of the toilets – into disabled access toilets

Establish a Clerk’s Office in the Town Hall. The aim is to provide residents of Stalham with increase access to the council (including scheduling Saturday slots) – 3 days a week

Volunteers:

Becoming a Councillor

To sign the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 19th April 2022.

The meeting agreed the minutes from the Annual Town Meeting held on the 19th April 2022.

The Mayor signed the minutes.

1st Responders Presentation

The 1st Responders for Stalham are now part of the Broadland 1st Responders Team. The East Anglian Ambulance Service refer 999 calls to them as and when. Last year they attended over 3000 calls. Stalham 1st Responders are now able to answer calls where people have fallen, assess and signoff without people having to go to the N and N. The 1st responders demonstrated a piece of equipment that will enable them to assess and assist someone who has fallen.

The Responders need to find their own funding for equipment they use on a day to day basis.

The 1st Responders can hold classes on basic first aid and how to use a defib and attend events to provide first aid cover.

Stalham's Neighbourhood Plan Presentation

Chris Foster

Stalham Town Council agreed to put together a Neighbourhood Plan tailored to Stalham's needs. NNDS's Local Plan, did not seem to address the needs of Stalham Town.

Nearly half of Stalham falls under the Broads Authority and this presented challenges.

A Plan needs to be produced that not only fits the needs of Stalham, but always dovetails into NNDC's Local plan for 2036, as it needs to be accepted by them.

Government Grants have been obtained to undertake the work needed to put together Stalham's Neighborhood Plan.

The issues that need to be addressed are, housing crisis, the aging population, and the rapid population growth due to the increase in pupils at the High School that come in from the surrounding areas.

The aim of Stalham's Neighbourhood Plan is to improve the quality of life for those who live and visit here.

The Vision of the plan is to create a Rural, Green, Market Town.

Encapsulating the need for native hedgerows and trees creating green curtains around the town. Reviving the image of a Market Town to bring businesses and footfall in the local High Street and enable it to continue to thrive.

The Mayor thanked those who made presentations and thanked everyone for attending.

MAYOR: _____

DATE: _____

