

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting held at the Community Building Weasenham on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 6.30pm

1. To record the names of those present

Cllr M Romanovsky, Cllr T McClenaghan, Cllr J Tidman, Cllr J Hargreaves
5 members of the public
G Robinson – Clerk and RFO

2. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Kiddle-Morris, Cllr R Hunter-Clarke

3. To approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish Assembly meeting held Tuesday 21st May 2024 and Matters arising

It was proposed by Cllr Hargreaves that the minutes of 21st May 2024 should be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Tidman and all other Councillors agreed. The minutes were duly signed.
No matters arising

4. Chairman's Report - Mr Martin Romanovsky, Chairman of Weasenham Parish Council

The report was circulated prior to the meeting with the church and village magazine and was added to the Parish Council website. The Chair report is an annex to the minutes.

**5. Reports from village organisations (Order to be agreed by the Chairman)
Weasenham Community Coffee Mornings:**

Report for the Annual Parish Meeting 20 May 2025

Since the first one in February 2024, these have been held every month at the Community Building, usually on the first Wednesday but occasionally circumstances have meant a slight change to that schedule.

Attendances of course vary but usually somewhere in the region of 18 – 26 folk meet up for a chat, an optional quiz and some refreshments. If appropriate, then there may be a 'theme' to a particular month, and suggestions are always welcome.

There is no charge for attending, everyone is welcome, and donations are not asked for, except if I am running it as a particular fundraising event, e.g. for Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning or The Royal British Legion (Remembrance Day and VE 80). I have however received some financial contributions from regular attendees that have been put towards either the cost of the hall hire or refreshments and I would like to thank them for this. I would also like to thank anyone who has made donations of cakes, biscuits etc towards the refreshments, as well as those who have helped out along the way.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has attended, the support has been marvellous, and I look forward to continuing with these monthly events. The next one is

Wednesday 4th June and the one after, due to another commitment that I have, will be Wednesday 9th July.

As always, feedback, suggestions, requests for assistance in attending can be sent to me.

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Mrs J Grimwood gave the following report:
Report for Parish Council Annual Meeting
Representing Weasenham Groups Organised by myself using the community building.

Groups / users of building
Art & Craft, F.R.O.G. Fun Quiz,
Frogs Froglets & Tadpoles,

Art Group

The Art Group has been enjoying hiring the community building on a regular basis although with very low attendance, we have tried to increase our numbers but unfortunately no interest, but we are continuing our Tues. afternoon sessions 1-3.30pm as those that do attend find it very enjoyable and relaxing. We are also paying our hiring fees in advance to help the PC. As we now pay by cheque.

F.R.O.G. Fun Quiz (Fund-raising Outreach Group)

The F.R.O.G. Quizzers are happy hiring the community building to hold the monthly Quiz. We are now paying our hiring fees for the year in advance and money raised by the quiz will be used with quizzers permission for good causes. We are successfully raising money holding one quiz a month and have used some funds to help sponsor two SHQ Station HQ Veterans breakfasts donating £300. We have more donations to make but has proven difficult as no one is accepting cash. We have desperately tried to get this resolved but it's not been easy still working on how to go forward with this.

Our quiz is very well attended every month with everyone enjoying themselves while raising money for good causes. We would also like to thank the PC for the car park lighting this has made a tremendous improvement in accessing and especially leaving the building.

Frog Froglet & Tadpoles Group (Frog = adult Froglet = 5yrs+ Tadpoles up to 5yrs)

This was a group we started after consulting with parents about children's activities especially in school holidays and an after-school group. The feedback was good; however, we have unfortunately had to stop this facility this year due to having a very poor response in fact some were not attended at all last year. These activities are put on by volunteers and funded by F.R.O.G. quiz. Equipment purchased, and refreshments bought and made are then wasted. This is such a shame but obviously not viable and not required by village.

To sum up we are all happy with our bookings and the building.
Thank you to all councillors for their assistance.
Organiser Judy Grimwood

County Councillor for Necton and Launditch
Mark Kiddle-Morris

Annual Report April 2024 – March 2025

This report is an annex to the minutes.

6. Report on the management of the Community Building

Report on Recreation Field and Community Building given by Cllr T McClenagan

Recreation Field

The Chairman's Report mentions the new fence and lights around the car park, so I won't comment further on that other than to say that the fence has now received two coats of preservative paint. I'd like to place on record our thanks to Crawford Donachie and Brian Avery who turned out to help us with the painting, and to Jannis Avery who kept us going with refreshments!

The quotations for resurfacing the car park will be discussed, and a decision made, in closed session at the end of the next meeting. We're hopeful that the job will be completed during June, but we are entirely dependent upon the chosen contractor's availability.

The removal of the old tractor tyres, along with a few car tyres that had appeared around the village, have also been mentioned in the Chairman's Report! I'd just like to say a big 'thank you' to Ian Pearce who turned out on a very cold Saturday morning with a forklift to gather up all tyres and bring them to a central point in the car park. Lodge Tyres in Fakenham then removed all the tyres from the site at a very favourable discounted price. The cost was offset by a very generous donation from a resident, so 'thank you' again for that.

The combination goal, with the exception of one panel, has now had two coats of preservative paint, which will hopefully protect and preserve it for a little longer.

Portaloo - we had been let down by someone who said they'd take it and then backed out, but we are continuing our efforts to get it removed.

Goalposts - we were seeking a grant to purchase the goalposts and that hopefully we will have an update soon.

Our new ground maintenance contractor is doing well. He stated from the outset that the field would take a few cuts to get it looking good and he was spot on. The grass is a little dry at the moment but starting to look very good. You'll note that the grass along the line of the old rubber mat path is coming along nicely.

Community Building

As for the Community Building, it is in a good state of repair and is being kept clean and tidy. It is being used for the monthly quiz, the monthly coffee mornings and the weekly Arts & Crafts Group. It has also been hired for a couple of private events and by a TV production company, which is all great, but it would be good to see more people or groups making use of it.

7. Parishioners' questions

A parishioner asked if the chairman called the meeting, this was confirmed as correct.

8. Date and time of next Annual Parish Meeting

It was resolved to set the next APM for 19th May 2026