

**SOUTH WILLINGHAM  
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Wednesday 26 May 2021 at 7 pm**

**Draft Minutes**

**Present**

Cllr P Elliott (Chair)

Cllr D Challender

Cllr Marcus Edmundson

Cllr M Ferguson

Cllr P Ferguson

Cllr R Fry (ELDC)

**1. Report from Chair of South Willingham Parish Council**

Cllr Elliott delivered his report, a copy of which is attached.

**2. To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2019**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

There had been no meeting in 2020 owing to the outbreak of Covid-19.

**3. OPEN FORUM – an opportunity for residents to raise any issues of concern about the village**

There was no attendance from residents.

Cllr Elliott thanked councillors for attending the meeting.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 11 May 2022

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**Chairman's Report**

The year was dominated by the coronavirus pandemic, which resulted in the cancellation of last year's annual meeting and many Parish Council meetings being held online. The Parish Council created a Covid Assistance Group to help out any residents who required support through the national lockdowns.

Our community spirit was alive and well and some residents participated in a VE Day 'street party', socially distanced of course, with everyone staying in their own gardens.

Despite being under restrictions during most of the past year, the projects the Parish Council are currently undertaking did make some progress. The planters under the signs on the entry to the village were put in place and maintained. The phone box and bus shelter have seen some improvements, and there are more to come. The phone box project, being led by the History Group, has been held up, but we should see a display in there this year.

New for 2021 is a new project, the Community Orchard. Twenty fruit trees were planted by councillors and helpers in March. This is on private land, but permissive access to the public is in the process of being arranged. More details will be announced in due course.

For those of you who are not already aware, there is a Facebook group for the village called 'South Willingham Info' which is a good place to keep up to date on news and events and to share and discuss information or ideas.

Cllr Paul Elliott