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Minutes of the Beck Row, Holywell Row & Kenny Hill Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 6.30pm

Members of the Electorate

1 member of the electorate was present.

A reminder to everyone that the meeting was being recorded for accurate writing of the minutes.

0008	Introduction The Chair welcomed those present.	
0009	Annual Report of the Parish Council by the Chair of the Parish Council As the current Chairman of Beck Row, Holywell Row and Kenny Hill Parish Council, it is my privilege to Chair our Annual Parish Meeting. This meeting is an opportunity for any of our parishioners to come along and ask questions, and our local clubs and organisations to give reports on the last 12 months. I will start this year by again congratulating Jane, our Parish Clerk, on completing her CILCA qualification. Jane put in an enormous amount of hard work and dedication to obtain this qualification. This means that the Council now has General Power of Competence. I would also like to thank Angela McCarter who has worked very hard assisting Jane to bring our policies and operating procedures up to date as well as introducing additional ones. Tim, our Parish Keeper, has settled well into his role and has become a valuable member of the Council. His hard work has had a very positive impact and he is now a familiar face around the villages. Last June we held a Love Your Village Day and this was very successful with many people getting involved from picking up litter, washing signs and cutting verges. I believe that this is a great way to bring back some pride in our community. That said, there are many people who go around our villages collecting litter all year round and we thank them for giving up their time to do this. I would like to thank the editorial team Kay, Sue, Philip and Bruce who produce the Parish magazine - The Beacon. There is a lot of hard work that goes into producing The Beacon. I know they are always keen to collect content, so anyone with an interesting story or some history from the Parish please contact the team. The Parish Hub has undergone some extensive work including having the cellar filled in with new flooring and fully decorated. I am pleased to say it is now back open and bookings are coming in.	

	<p>We have just had our Easter Egg Hunt and this really was a well-received and successful event with 200 eggs given out to the youngsters of our community. This year the theme was the 90th Anniversary of the Mildenhall to Melbourne Air Race. A big thank you to all involved in putting together this great event and to Councillor Don Waldron for the grant funding to purchase the Easter Eggs.</p> <p>Last November, I attended the annual wreath laying at Kenny Hill and Beck Row War Memorials and the War Graves at St John's Church. As always, this was very well attended.</p> <p>In December we provided Christmas trees around the Parish and these were lit at the beginning of the month. Later in that month Santa and his friends did the now annual tour of the Parish, joined by a convoy of other vehicles to add to the attraction. A big thank you to all involved who gave their time to put on this show for the community.</p> <p>We now have an additional solar enabled speed sign. There are now 4 of these particular ones. Speeding remains a problem in our Parish as well as many others. We have tried many times to put a community speed watch in place but unfortunately a lack of volunteers makes this unachievable at this time.</p> <p>One thing that I am pleased about is that we have now signed the Decarbonisation Grant funding acceptance form from West Suffolk Council. This means that we can now renew all the streetlights owned by us to LED. This will lead to a huge saving on our electricity bill.</p> <p>Something to look forward to. On 6th June we will be hosting a village fun day and we have lots of attractions to help make this a day of fun. This will link in with the 90th Anniversary of the air base and Air Race. I think that it is important that we mark this occasion, especially as RAF Mildenhall was originally RAF Beck Row. This event will also include a classic vehicle rally.</p> <p>Lastly, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their hard work and dedication over the last 12 months. It has been a pleasure to be the Council Chairman and I look forward to the year ahead.</p> <p><i>Councillor Gary Peachey</i></p>	
0010	<p>Reports from grant recipients</p> <p>None received.</p>	
0011	<p>Reports from community groups</p> <p>None received.</p>	
0012	<p>To invite the public to raise any matters for discussion</p> <p>No matters were raised.</p>	

0013	Consideration and decisions on subjects so discussed There were no discussions, so no decisions made.	
0014	Meeting closed 6.46pm	