



Minutes of the The Special Meeting of Cavendish Parish Council took place on Wednesday 19th February 2025. In the Cavendish Memorial Hall at 6pm.

Councillors Present: Malcolm Halliday (Chair), Nicky Welch, Ted Gittins, Nicholas Vosper, Annette Williamott, Shannon Craig.

Also present: Also present: Kay Garner (Clerk), 3 prospective candidates for Parish Councillor and 5 members of the public.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence.

None.

2. Election of One New Parish Councillor

1. Three candidates John Pickett, Alison Kenny and Ed Stevens names were placed into a 'hat'. The Chair selected the names. The first name drawn was Alison, second name was John, and the remaining name was Ed.
2. The candidates were invited to address the council in order (1 above). And this was accepted. A Copy of their statement had already been sent to the councillors.
3. A vote was taken on the preferred candidate. The completed voting slip was passed to the Clerk who counted each vote. An absolute majority was received and declared for Alison Kenny.
4. Alison Kenny was formally co-opted onto the Parish Council. And took office immediately.

3. Talk by Sue Downs who is the Rural & Community Housing Enabler at Community Action Suffolk

An introduction to Community Led Housing with a question-and-answer session.

Sue introduced the potential for community-led housing to contribute towards the building of truly affordable housing and healthy sustainable communities within Suffolk. The presentation covered types of community led housing, assessing your local housing need, getting started, funding, and organisation models.

Several questions were asked and answered.

There are two possible first requirement:

1. To carry out a survey of all parishioners in Cavendish to determine what need, if any, for affordable housing in Cavendish.
The cost of this survey would be £2000 plus costs and plus VAT and would be paid for by Cavendish Parish Council. However, Sue will enquire with West Suffolk regarding their policies on paying for Housing Needs Surveys.

Or

2. To establish what potential sites are available in Cavendish for this.

It was agreed that this would be added to the Agenda for the March 12th Parish Council meeting for discussion.

Action: Clerk

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed:

(Chair) Dated: