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**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, HELD IN HIGHGATE HALL ON TUESDAY 14TH APRIL 2026
COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

NOTES

PRESENT: 1 member of the public; Councillors Michelle Lay, Malcolm McCann, Ian Ross (Chair), Jan Speechley, Shirley Strowbridge, Kathryn Taylor, Brett Walsh, Paul Willson

IN ATTENDANCE: Kerry Rew, Clerk; County Cllr Simon Bywater, District Cllr Marge Beuttell

Cllr Ross welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. UPDATE FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MARGE BEUTTELL

1. Cllr Beuttell noted the successful opposition of the planning application for a solar farm at Haddon and its subsequent rejection. She also noted the excellent engagement of residents in opposing this, and in commenting on the Local Plan, resulting in the exclusion of Sibson Garden Community from the Local Plan.
2. The meeting was notified that Wansford bridge will be closed for maintenance in July as a forerunner to work commencing on narrowing to prevent use by HGV's. This is hoped to have a positive impact on the number of HGV's cutting through Elton.
3. Cllr Beuttell re-stated that the enquiries about the outbuilding in the garden of 3 Stocks Green, and the outbuilding adjacent to the allotment, whose roofs have been replaced with corrugated material, are still with HDC Enforcement and Conservation. It was noted that this matter has been ongoing for a year and the apparent tardiness of HDC officers is a considerable cause of concern to some residents.

2. UPDATE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR SIMON BYWATER

1. Cllr Bywater acknowledged the increasing public concern about potholes and confirmed his support for ensuring as many as possible are attended to, while noting that the method of simply patching is less than satisfactory.
2. The Government will announce the preferred options for Local Government Reorganisation in July.
3. Cllr Bywater will be hosting a follow-up meeting in June with all stakeholders regarding wider traffic impacts of warehousing developments along the stretch of the A605 from Peterborough Services to Thrapston.
4. Capital Funding of £310,000 has successfully been secured for the patching of the A605 from Peterborough Services to the Elton B671 junction. No dates have yet been specified for the work, and this will be closely monitored to ensure delivery.

3. ELTON FLOOD ACTION GROUP REPORT BY CLLR JAN SPEECHLEY

Report attached

4. ELTON NATURE RECOVERY GROUP REPORT BY CLLR JAN SPEECHLEY

Report attached

5. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 2025/26 BY THE CHAIR, CLLR IAN ROSS

Report attached.

6. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

There were no matters raised by the public

Cllr Ross closed the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:36 pm.