



# Meeting Minutes

## Mattishall Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm, Poultec South Green Park

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Parish Councillors present: Richard Turner (Chair) and Anita Rose (Parish Clerk), Paul Claussen (District Councillor), Rob Walker (Executive Director Place, Breckland District Council) and 21 members of the public.

**1 Welcome and apologies for absence**

Mr Turner opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**2 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

The minutes of the 2021 meeting were signed by the meeting Chair as a correct record without amendment.

**3 Report from Richard Turner on the Council's year**

The Chairman read out his report covering recent projects undertaken by the Parish Council. The report features as an appendix to the minutes.

**4 Anita Rose on the Council's draft finances for 2021-22**

The Clerk gave an overview of the Parish Council's finances which are subject to audit. The Clerk also presented a photographic slide show of the Council's year.

**5 Speaker Rob Walker Executive Director Place, Breckland District Council**

Mr Walker explained his role within Breckland District Council and that he is one out of 4 members of the executive team, he explained they are responsible for Human Resources, Customer Services, Democratic Services, Standards related issues and Finance.

He reported that Breckland District Council are working on the following projects:

- Inspiring Communities – inclusive community.
- Thriving Places – attract investment and to support local businesses.
- 2035 Sustainability – to achieve net zero emissions by 2035.
- Working Smarter – adopting an agile working approach / hybrid working.
- Planning - a challenging time with Nutrient Neutrality working on the effects it is having in the Wensum Valley.

**6 Statutory Bodies**

Councillor Claussen gave a report of the work of the District Council for the past year. This report is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

**7 Village Reports**

Reports were received by the following organisations.

Mattishall Burgh Charity, YMCA, Mattishall Golf Club, Mattishall Bowls Club, WI and Community Car Scheme (The leader of the organisation had not attended, however Mrs Smith informed the public that volunteers are required so please spread the word). Village reports received are attached as an appendix to these minutes.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.35 pm.

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#### **Appendix 1 Chair report**

The day to day running, and implementation of council decisions, is the responsibility of the Parish clerk. Lorraine who had been with us for a year left at the end of April 2021, and Luisa who had been clerk previously stood in as a locum until Anita was able to join

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us in September. The venue for meeting was changed to here, Poultec in January this year, we are hoping that this, plus a presence on social media will attract more interest and involvement from the community in the work of the parish council.

There are currently 8 councillors, two of whom joined us recently, and we are looking for one more volunteer to bring us to the full complement of 9.

With the increasing volume of work necessary for a large parish, to ensure that meetings run to timetable, much of the preliminary work is undertaken by working groups which then report back to the council with their recommendations for discussion. There are several permanent working groups and others are formed as required for any 'one off' or less regular tasks. With a maximum of 9 councillors, we each have to wear several hats to get the work completed.

**Planning** – Planning matters continue to take up a considerable amount of council time. We are fortunate in having a group who are willing to undertake the work needed to properly represent the parish. Their recommendations for comments to be submitted to the planning authority on applications are based on the policies of the Breckland Local Plan Mattishall Neighbour Plan and National Planning Policy Framework, although planning departments interpretation of these policies often differs from ours.

**Flooding** – Fortunately the heavy rainfall of late 2020 was not repeated last year, and residents haven't experienced the same level of flooding that caused. One very long standing problem has, hopefully, been dealt with by Highways recently. However, there is still a long way to go and we will continue to work with all parties involved to try to resolve all the issues across the parish. There won't be an overnight solution to this, but there is the possibility that the recent halt to house building, initiated by Natural England, due to nitrate and phosphate pollution, will result in upgrades in the processing of both surface and foul water, mitigating some of the problems we have suffered from.

**Open Spaces** – This group has the largest remit, being responsible for the village green, cemetery, allotments, play area and All Saints churchyard as well as identifying work for the handyman. Further areas will be added, if as planned, the council takes responsibility for the allotments and other public areas on the Denbury Homes development at Old Hall Road.

**Youth Club** – The youth club has proven as popular since re-opening as before the lockdowns. We had been in discussion with the YMCA on the possibility of expanding the club to cater for younger children. Unfortunately they are experiencing problems in finding enough staff to service the current arrangement and are having to restrict capacity to 20 children temporarily.

**Events** – We managed to have a normal Remembrance service and a full Xmas tree lighting event in 2021, an opportunity to use both the new marquee and the PA system, bought with part of a legacy from a resident.

We are currently in the process of organising a Platinum Jubilee event, which will, with the other parish organisations involved, run from 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> June.

**Mattishall Volunteer Hub** – With the relaxing of restrictions the hub, created and run by Helen Brook, is no longer with us. Helen had hoped to repurpose it as a Good Neighbour scheme, but, unfortunately there was insufficient support for this across the parish.

**Finance** – this is an overview of finance, Anita will give more detail later on last years finances.

Over the last 2/3 years we have reviewed our finances and put in place a number of reserves with the aim of anticipating major items of longer term expenditure, which should enable a stable level of precept to be maintained.

With Community Infrastructure Levy not being implemented in the district, no funds are generated from housing developments for major projects within the parish. To obtain any benefit for our community we have to negotiate with developers for anything beyond that specified by legislation.

Next years budget and parish rate are approved at our January meeting, to ensure that the precept request is sent to Breckland in a timely manner. It was apparent there was already increasing pressure on household finances when we were preparing the 2022/23 budget last December, so it was decided to maintain the precept at the same level as last year.

Fortunately, the timing of this meeting enables us to mention Ian Martin, one of this ward's district councillors, who has had to resign for health reasons. Ian has been a district councillor for a relatively short time, but his independent views and strong belief in local democracy have set a high bar for whoever follows him.

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## **Appendix 2 District Councillor Paul Claussen's Report**

### **Breckland Council Achievement highlights 2021/22**

#### **Overview**

Breckland Council is an organisation that cares, listens, and supports people and businesses within our district. We are working for everyone in our area, especially those who need our help the most.

We are proud of our area, and through driving investment and enabling opportunities, we can maximise its full potential. We want to inspire aspiration to live, work, visit, or do business here: we want our district to be one of choice.

Our Corporate Plan brings together our strategic priorities the coming years and outlines what we'll do to make a difference in Breckland to ensure it is a place where people and businesses can thrive.

This document outlines some of the projects we have delivered in 2021-22 against our overarching commitments and priorities.

These priorities are grouped across four key themes:

- **Inspiring Communities**

We want to build on the many strengths of our local communities so that people can lead happy, healthy, fulfilling lives here. Working collaboratively with our partners, as part of a community-led approach, we will work to address vulnerability in Breckland. Covid-19 has left a lasting effect on our communities, and we are committed to supporting our residents and businesses to recover from the pandemic and support them in adjusting to life with covid in the longer term.

- **Thriving Places**

Each of our five town centres are different. We will lead and enable strategic and focused action within each of them and their hinterlands, working with key stakeholders and partners to drive investment and change that will help the towns thrive now and in the future.

- **Breckland 2035**

We will lead by example as an organisation taking action to reduce our own impact and achieving net zero emissions by 2035. We recognise that we cannot achieve this alone. Therefore, we will use our resources and regulatory powers to create an environment in which our residents and other key stakeholders are enabled to act for themselves in contributing to this agenda.

- **Working Smarter**

As a performance-led organisation, we will use data to strengthen our organisational intelligence to inform our decisions, so we make the right choices at the right times. We are evolving our approach to delivering services to become a modern organisation which is set up to best meet the changing needs of our customers. Adopting an agile working approach will enable us to break down the barriers of site-specific working and empower officers and members to work at the location and time that meets business demand and best supports the delivery of high-quality services.

Finally, we are excited to share our **Breckland Cares** programme for the first time, which is made up of seven campaigns delivered over a rolling 12-month programme. The campaign will shine a light on several passions of ours, including mental health, diversity and inclusion, and climate change.

## **Inspiring Communities**

*Breckland Council will help our residents to live safe and healthy lives by playing an active part in local communities. We will do this by providing and enabling excellent services that understand and support the needs of our residents and local areas, enhancing the quality of life for all.*

## **What we've delivered in 2021/22:**

- Invested £1.8m in the creation of a brand-new **temporary accommodation facility in Thetford** (Elm House) to help people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. And have now begun work in partnership with Broadland Housing to provide five new units of 'move-on' accommodation, with intensive support, for people who have been sleeping rough.

- Commissioned by Mid-Norfolk Primary Care Network to deliver **social prescribing services**, helping over 300 residents through holistic support to improve their health and wellbeing.
- 30 community groups are now able to offer enhanced services to their communities through the **Inspiring Communities match funding scheme**, leveraging in over £250,000 to the district.
- Introduced **Breckland Mobile Food Store**, launching in April 2022, providing subsidised food to those most in need, with additional support mechanisms in place to address wider wellbeing issues such as social isolation and loneliness
- Created the **Early Intervention Fund** to provide financial support to individuals in extreme financial hardship to prevent them reaching crisis point.
- Boosted our **mental health** offer by **training 100 mental health champions** as part of our Mental Health Community Partnership scheme and continue to arrange and deliver mental health training across the district with partners including MIND, YANA and NSFT.
- Worked with partners such as the **Daisy** project to support survivors of **domestic abuse** and sexual violence and to help raise awareness.
- Developed a new and exciting partnership with Creative Arts East to transform the delivery of our popular **Silver Social programme**, extending the offer in local communities
- Established a Grants and Adaptations Team to work with residents who require **adaptations** to enable them to stay in their own homes. So far, they have delivered 24 projects with a further 246 ongoing.
- Continued to offer residents a high level of service from the **Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG)** team who received praise for their work with one resident who suffers from Motor Neurone Disease. This resulted in the team's work being praised on BBC breakfast.
- Supported **Breckland Youth Advisory Board (YAB)**, to deliver **mental health support** to Breckland families with young people aged 11 to 18 who are awaiting treatment or at risk or not attending school due to their mental health through the Cup-O-T Service.
- Played a key role in **responding to the pandemic**, including recruiting a team of Covid Support Officers to engage with businesses and members of the public to ensure compliance with national guidance and offer advice. Also engaging with partners to set up and operate district **asymptomatic testing** (walk in lateral flow tests), supported vaccination centres, promoted

vaccination availability, engaged with major employers to manage **infection control** risks and **investigated Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs)** to ensure that there was no threat to public safety.

- Continued our **crackdown on littering, fly tipping, and abandoned cars**, raising awareness of our no-tolerance approach and resulting in a significant number of fixed penalty notices being issued to deter others from offending in the future.
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### Appendix 3 County Councillors Report

#### Report from Cllr Bill Borrett County Council highlights for 2021/22

- 70% of Norfolk streetlights converted, or work underway to convert to LED
- 96.7% of highways inspections completed within timescale
- 99.6% of dangerous highway defects dealt with within timescales set out in the Transport Asset Management Plan
- 94% of Looked after Children (LAC) with an up-to-date Personal Education Plan
- Completed 51,000 Adult Social Care Assessments for 20,700 people.

### The 2022/23 Budget

A **£464 million** net revenue budget, a **£25m increase** from last year, with increased spending across key service areas and capital programmes, along with a 2.99 per cent Council Tax rise has been agreed to enable Norfolk to build back better after the pandemic.

**Adult Social Services** will see an additional **£35.4m** of investment, against savings of £10.5m, **Children's Services** will receive **£23.2m** of further investment, with a **further £10m** this year for the **SEND School Programme**, with £12m against planned savings and **Community and Environmental Services** will see an additional **£11.2m**, against savings of £3.5m.

Within Community and Environmental Services there will be the **£10m pothole fund** to draw upon, **new recycling centres** across the County, **£5m on library upkeep** and extension of services and **£12m on the Better Broadband project**.

There has been substantial **Beryl Bikes and E-Scooters** uptake during the past year, with the average journey being over 3.5km (taking multiple car journeys out of the City) and multiple Local Cycling, Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPS) plans being developed across the County (including Greater Norwich, King's Lynn, Great Yarmouth and Dereham).

### Protecting Valued Services

#### **Love Norfolk, Hate Litter – boost for pickers as litter can now be accepted at recycling centres**

As the national Great British Spring Clean launched on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021, there was good news for litter pickers as the county council announces that it was able to accept litter at any of Norfolk's recycling centres. From May, anyone who picked a small amount of litter in the county was (and is still able to) bring up to three bags of the waste to a recycling centre for disposal. People looking to organise a group litter pick are still urged to contact their district council who can help provide bags, grabbers and arrange for collection of the waste collected.

#### **£29m 'pothole prevention' work underway across Norfolk**

Pavements, cycleways and roads all benefited from the county's £29m maintenance programme taking place right across Norfolk this year.

The crucial upkeep work is a key part of the £42 million budget for roads and infrastructure that was agreed in February 2021.

This year £4.5m is being spent on maintaining pavements and paths, for example a £167,000 scheme to remove the existing worn and uneven pavement surface on Kennedy Avenue in Gorleston and replace it with a new smooth asphalt surface will be getting underway in late July.

### **Brand new £1.9m Norwich South recycling Centre opened**

Norfolk's newest recycling centre opened to the public in December.

The £1.9m recycling centre is the sister site to the new Norwich North recycling centre that opened on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Together the two sites will provide improved recycling facilities for the growing greater Norwich area.

As the new Norwich South recycling centre opens at Harford, just off the A47/A140 junction, staff bid farewell to the old site at Ketteringham that closed yesterday.

The move to a larger site allows room for a one-way traffic system to smooth traffic flow and reduce queues, low-level bins meaning people will not have to climb steps to recycle their waste, and there is plenty of parking for cars, bicycles and vehicles with trailers.

### **Fire and Rescue staff presented with awards**

The achievements of staff across Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service have been recognised through employee awards.

A ceremony to present the awards was cancelled due to the pandemic, so senior leaders have visited some of the recipients of the 2021 awards individually and will continue to do so when Covid-19 restrictions allow.

As well as honouring staff with long service awards, categories also included fundraiser of the year, making a difference awards and leadership accolades.

### **The Council won a national award for its work with the Armed Forces**

Norfolk County Council has been recognised for its outstanding support of the armed forces community in Norfolk, following an announcement from the Ministry of Defence.

The local authority has been given the Gold Award, the highest honour handed out through the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme.

The award is given to organisations that employ and support those who serve in the armed forces, service leavers, veterans and their families, with the Gold Award also acknowledging the Council's partnership working through the Norfolk Armed Forces Covenant Board.

This includes successfully addressing a significant gap in the dental service provision in the West of the County. It negotiated with the Ministry of Defence and NHS England, to ensure the opening of a new dental practice for serving and civilian families at RAF Marham and the surrounding area.

### **Care Services**

## **Plan to tackle Adult Social Care's winter pressures**

Plans to support Adult Social Services with the “winter pressures” have been put in to practice.

A report was heard by Norfolk County Council’s Cabinet saying that Adult Social Services across the country are facing unprecedented challenges. However, here in Norfolk practical solutions are being put in place.

The report said: ‘Norfolk Adult Social Services face a level of unprecedented challenge in 2021/22 as a result of the pandemic, with national and local workforce shortages, rising demand in hospitals and the community and the continued infection risk posed by COVID-19 as well as other recurring respiratory viruses such as flu.’

Adult Social Services received 20,279 calls for support between April and October this year – an increase of 9,400 over four years.

Action being taken by the Council includes:

- Expanding action to support people at home or, where appropriate, in short term residential settings
- Stepping up the council’s care recruitment campaign, to tackle staff shortages
- Providing wrap-around support for care settings
- Providing assistive technology, with 100 video phones sent out to homes
- Improving capacity in the Norfolk First Response service
- Supporting mental health services, with three new step down services

## **Norfolk to take a step closer to new integrated approach to Health and Care**

Norfolk County Council has agreed their support for new local Health and Wellbeing Partnerships, putting local communities at the heart of health and care in their area.

Under the Health and Care Bill, Integrated care systems (ICSs) are being established in all areas of the country to drive changes that are intended to lead to better, more joined-up care for the population.

Much of the activity to deliver integrated health and care and improve the population’s health will happen more locally in the places where people live and work, meaning the new Health and Wellbeing Partnerships will play a key role in driving forward this activity.

## **Strengthening Community Resilience**

### **A new single point of contact for flooding in Norfolk has been launched, allowing residents to report any sort of flooding quickly and efficiently**

In the event of flooding residents can call 0344 800 8013 to report it. Alternatively, residents can continue to report flooding online via the Council’s website. The new number gives residents a single point of contact and allows reports to be made swiftly.

Different agencies respond to different types of flooding, which has historically made reporting a flood by telephone more complicated when and where it is not possible to ascertain the source of floodwaters. The new number provides a single point of contact making the reporting of flooding quicker and easier.

Where there is a potential risk to life from flooding people should still call 999 immediately.

## **Flood Reserve Fund spending agreed**

Norfolk's Cabinet considered the allocation of the council's £1.5m Flood Reserve Fund to support urgent works, repairs and to enable recommendations from flood investigation reports. The Reserve Fund was set up in the annual budget for 2021/22 agreed by the County Council in their budget meeting in February.

The Cabinet meeting, held on 6<sup>th</sup> September, discussed the proposed allocation of the funding, including £695k for additional highway and ditch maintenance and £365k for drainage asset improvements.

This funding will be used for work on the 285,864 metres of drainage grips and 31,037 metres of kerb drains on Norfolk's highways, as well as operations to clear some of the county's 145,305 gullies that help drain rain water.

## **Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance has formally adopted the Strategy**

The Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance (NSFA) has formally adopted an overall Strategy, designed to enable county wide responses to flooding across all agencies involved.

The Strategy, which lays out the NSFA's vision, objectives, approach and structure, is a major milestone in the development of the Alliance, which was founded earlier this year to bring together all agencies and partners involved in planning for and responding to flooding in Norfolk.

## **£1million awarded to community groups across Norfolk**

Community and voluntary organisations across Norfolk were set for a major cash boost as the recipients of the **Norfolk Social Infrastructure Fund** were announced.

Norfolk County Council has handed out £1.02 million to 25 different organisations, with grants ranging £3,400 all the way up to £250,000.

In total, the fund saw 64 applications with funding requests that totalled almost £5million. This was more than double the number of applications received last year.

## **Economic Development**

### **Ground-breaking partnership to provide Covid-19 recovery support for Norfolk**

Norfolk County Council and New Anglia LEP were part of an ambitious cross-border project which helped to deliver a unique package of Covid-19 recovery support for local businesses and people.

The C-CARE (Covid Channel Area Response Exchange) initiative, funded by the Interreg France (Channel) England programme which has allocated €2.2m for C-CARE in Norfolk, was set to reach businesses and people that were been hit hardest in the pandemic.

Drawing on a range of expertise from local government, enterprise and tourism in the UK and France, the project supported people at risk of exclusion from the labour market and businesses at risk of closure.

C-CARE aims to reach 4,500 people and almost 2,000 businesses through its pilot initiatives which include skills training to help individuals find new routes into employment or starting a business, and advice and grants aimed at helping companies reset their business models in response to the pandemic.

In Norfolk the project will work to support over 600 people into employment or self-employment and provide support for up to 800 businesses.

### **Norfolk to get faster broadband thanks to new Government funding**

Hard to reach premises in Norfolk are to receive between £115m and £195m of funding as part of the Government's Project Gigabit to provide 1GB per second broadband to up to 119,000 premises. Contracts will be awarded from February 2022.

Rural homes and businesses across Norfolk and Suffolk will get next-generation gigabit broadband brought to them under a £5 billion plan to level up internet access across the UK. It means families no longer having to battle over bandwidth and will give people in rural areas the freedom to live and work more flexibly, with the speed and reliability needed to start and run businesses.

### **Supporting families and young people**

#### **Vulnerable young people in Norfolk have chance to take “New Roads” with launch of dedicated support service**

A new service to support some of Norfolk’s most vulnerable young people to live within families and achieve their full potential launched on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021.

“New Roads” was set up by Norfolk County Council with significant investment to give young people access to a dedicated support team that sticks with them, understands them, and helps them to achieve and succeed.

Based out of two hubs, in Dereham and Norwich, the service provides young people with education, life coaching and speech and language therapy, as well as access to short term residential beds and foster care placements to help meet their needs.

The aim is to give young people stability, reduce risk-taking behaviour and help to avoid the need for long-term residential care, as well as longer term costs to themselves, the wider system and communities.

#### **Free online business summer school for 16-25-year-olds in Norfolk**

There are so many options to choose from when leaving school - like apprenticeships, university, work experience, getting a job...

Or how about starting a business? It may seem a daunting idea at first, but there's lots of free help on offer.

Started in August 2021, the Business & IP Centre (BIPC) Norfolk, managed by Norfolk County Council's Library and Information Service, ran a free online Summer School for 16-25-year-olds to help them decide whether starting their own business might be right for them.

### **Plans for thousands of new school places in Norfolk**

More than a dozen new primary schools could be needed in Norfolk in the next decade, to cater for growing pupil numbers in areas of development.

A report to Norfolk County Council's Cabinet highlighted the scale of school development that is likely to be needed to support Norfolk's growing communities. It addresses both demographic changes and population growth from new housing. The report, discussed by members on 31<sup>st</sup> January, provided a snapshot of the council's plans to ensure there are sufficient school places for Norfolk children aged four to 16.

Alongside district councils, the County Council expects to secure nearly £100m in developer contributions for the proposed new and extended schools but if all of the places are needed, a further £191m would need to be found. Some of this will be met by Community Infrastructure Levy and government grant contributions.

### **Inspectors praise support for children in care in Norfolk**

Most children in care in Norfolk are well looked after and receive good support for their emotional and mental health and education, Ofsted inspectors have found.

A team of Her Majesty's Inspectors visited Norfolk County Council in October for a two-day focused visit of the council's services for children in its care.

In a letter detailing their findings, inspectors said that social workers know their children well, listen to them and help them to understand their experiences.

Ofsted's visit follows a similar visit in 2019, which looked at how the council responds to child safeguarding calls and referrals. Following that visit, inspectors described the quality of decision making as "consistently strong".

### **Caring for our environment**

#### **Carbon cutting commitment central to new county transport plan**

A plan set to drive the county's transport policy for the next 15 years was discussed by County Councillors in August. The ambitious Local Transport Plan has at its heart the aim to support a growing economy, strengthen communities and reduce our impact on the environment.

A carbon cutting commitment is central to the transport plan which supports the county council's pledge to achieve net zero carbon by 2030, which Councillors adopted as part of the authority's Environmental Policy in November 2019.

#### **Buzz created as pollinator paradises set for Norfolk roadsides**

Tripling the number of Roadside Nature Reserves in Norfolk were among a range of green measures considered by County Councillors last July.

Fewer cuts for rural roadsides, a pollinator action plan, and 188 more roadside nature reserves are all on the cards as part of plans to boost biodiversity along roads and paths across the county.

Also on the agenda were plans to help boost cycling and walking across the county, and development of a new verge management policy which will include information for parish and town councils wishing to take on responsibility for verge cutting in their local area. The aim is to help involve local communities more in decisions about verge management near them.

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#### Appendix 4 Village Reports

##### **Mattishall Society Annual Report**

**Mattishall Society was established in 1972 for the public benefit to stimulate public interest in the area, to promote high standards of planning and architecture and secure the preservation, protection, development, and improvement of features of historic or public interest.**

**Over the years the Society has objected to a number of large planning applications the latest being the Gladman site which was eventually reduced to 50 houses and now being developed by Hopkins Homes.**

**The Society has made donations to a number of causes in the village, a bench which is now situated on School Green, a defibrillator to, at that time, the village First Responders group. It is now situated in the old phone box on School Green and the latest donation was made to The Link to pay for one year hire of the meeting room at the Methodist Church.**

**The Society meetings are held on the second Monday of the month in the Village Memorial Hall where there is a speaker followed by refreshments and a raffle for vouchers for use in the village shops, the aim is to support village businesses.**

**Annual membership is presently only £5.00 for seven monthly meetings plus a Summer Barbecue and a Garden meeting, both held in members gardens and also Christmas Social held at Cafe Verde. These meetings are at an additional cost.**

**Rita**

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## **Report for Mattishall Annual Parish Council Meeting - 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Mattishall & District WI was founded on 24<sup>th</sup> November 1921 with 30 members and as you may have seen in Miscellanea we celebrated our centenary in December 2021 with a party, food and entertainment.

We meet at Mattishall Memorial Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month at 7-30pm for talk from a guest speaker or a social event with refreshments. In addition, during the month we have groups who Ten Pin Bowl, play Bridge, Scrabble and Darts. We also hold regular 'Ladies who Lunch, Theatre and Cinema outings and visits to places of interest in our local area.

Jackie Tooke President

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