

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**PRESENT:** Jo Butler, Ian Pulley, Rachel Blood, Derek Heiron, Alex Baker, Victoria Coward, Janet Gamage (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Jos Saunders (C E)

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019**

The minutes were approved **6 FOR**

#### **CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT.**

Written and read by Jo Butler.

We have found ourselves in strange and unusual times and so this report is massively delayed and very different because of lockdown and the inability to meet face to face for so long. Our last APM was on May 20<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Because of the pandemic, we have had to cancel all of our usual bookings including the regular users of the hall. The good news is that Pilates has started up again, and we are starting to see the hall used by a few small groups and parties. We expect to see more bookings and many of the postponed weddings and celebrations start to fill the calendar again.

The lack of use of the hall has had a huge impact on the income to the hall, and so I am pleased to say that we had rightly reviewed the precept to ensure that it covered all our essential bills. We were also very fortunate to be considered for a Covid grant which was put in place by Cheshire East. This was a very timely addition to our funds which had been used to complete the refurbishment and landscaping of the hall and gardens. Thankfully, this took the financial pressure off during a time where we could not raise any money in other ways.

The garden has been a key feature of our community involvement and several village residents have worked hard to maintain the garden with weeding, planting and mowing of the lawn. We look to people being able to use the hall and garden more, and certainly will be arranging a community event soon. I am also pleased to see that the PCSO sessions have

become a regular feature in the village hall, even more so because of the spate of burglaries and negative events in the village.

I feel that despite the negative affects of Covid and the inevitable impact it will have had on individuals and their families, the Kettlethulme community has grown stronger and all this has reinforced how lovely it is to live in the village.

Moving forwards we will resume the ad hoc parish council events, and the Cheshire Rural Touring Arts evenings. However, I think it will take some time to get back to our new kind of normal, but I am optimistic that we will see our ability to arrange events and raise funds for new projects improve as restrictions are lifted.

No matters arising from the Chair's report.

No residents were present at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 7:15pm.

Signed:

Dated: