

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 20th May 2019

Present: Jo Butler, Ian Pulley, Roslyn Siddall, Victoria Coward, Rachel Blood, Derek Heiron, Grant Summers, Cllr Jos Saunders (Cheshire East)

Apologies : None

Minutes of The Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 21st May 2018.

The minutes were agreed to be a true record of the meeting on Monday 21st May 2018. **5 FOR**

Chairman's Annual Report 2019

The report by Jo Butler, read out by Jo Butler.

We have completed a term of office as an elected Parish council and are entering our second, thankfully without the cost or need for an election.

I want to thank everyone for all their hard work over that time. People outside the parish council may not appreciate the immense amount of behind the scenes activity that goes on, and all on a voluntary basis. Without that commitment we would not have the regular community events and the hall would not be so well regarded by people within and outside the village for their events and functions. There is a lovely skill mix which makes the parish Council run smoothly with a good share of the workload.

We also have great and on-going support from other village groups such as the school, WI and fete committee. It feels like the village is working together in joined up projects and with this in mind, once the Cheshire East work on the playing field is complete, we have plans to add new play features for the younger members of the village and we are thankful for very generous donations which will help with this.

By working with the School, they have been able to add some disabled parking for the children and visitors at the school building. Collaboration with all those involved made this application a success in the end.

We continue to hold CRTA events which are still well attended. The price increase owing to the addition of VAT doesn't seem to have put our theatre-goers off, which is a relief and means that these can continue. Online bookings for the shows have increased the bookings from those outside the village.

We have been charmed by the talents of Whaley Bridge band and this year the weather was kind to us. The continued hire of the hall ensures we have regular use each week. Pilates, WI, dog training and ad hoc events all add to this. We are looking at getting broadband into the

village hall to encourage other users of the hall. There is also an up to date PA system which has been recently installed to enhance the appeal of the hall.

We have money earmarked for further improvements, including some major structural work in the garden area. Quotes have been difficult to obtain but have eventually been put forward for the work to go ahead as soon as possible.

We also need to make sure that we look ahead and predict what may be needed at the hall in the future including increased costs, general maintenance and salary outgoings as well as our programme of improvements and repairs.

I am looking forward to the next term on the parish council and am hopeful our team will continue to contribute to future events in the village.

Matters arising

None.

Parish Matters

None. No members of the public were present.

Meeting closed at 7:15 pm