

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on Monday 09th May 2022 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Jo Butler (JB), Ian Pulley (IP), Rachel Blood (RB), Derek Heiron (DH), Victoria Coward (VC), Charlie Blood (CB), Michelle Andrew (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Alex Baker (AB)

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 1. To agree as a true record the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 28th June 2021.**

The minutes were approved **5 FOR.**

- 2. To receive the Chairman's Annual Report on the Parish Council's work and accounts for the year ending 31st March 2022.**

Written and read by Jo Butler.

"After the last couple of years it is nice to feel that we are getting back to some kind of normal and that the hall, and the village, are getting busier as we can all begin to plan more social occasions. It was nice, recently to have a pop up café to go alongside our annual litter pick and lovely to see people out and about again. We have also had residents helping to maintain the garden but it is important to take the pressure off and that is why we have decided to have a regular gardener going forward to ensure that we can all enjoy the garden and outdoor space.

It is nice to be welcoming new people on to the Parish Council and I am sure we are all grateful to Michelle, our new clerk, who has replaced Janet who resigned from the post but has been helping out whilst Michelle finds her feet.

It is great that we also have residents who want to support the Parish Council. Hopefully we will be able to utilise the help when we resume our CRTA and money raising events as the year progresses. It would be amazing if we can hold the Christmas party in full this year and will need all hands-on deck to make it work.

It is nice that we still have our regular users to the hall including our new Yoga lessons and the ever-faithful WI. Whaley Bridge band continue to practice at the hall and will also be supporting the party in the park to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee next month. Let's hope the weather is kind to us.

The PCSO sessions continue to be well supported and give local residents the opportunity to bring issues regarding all things village related. I hope we can make the speed awareness work after a bit of a false start. The speed of traffic in the village has been a longstanding issues and it would be great to address this.

Later this year we should be joining with Lyme Handley and it will be interesting to see how that works. Luckily, we already have a Lyme Handley member on the KPC so we are already ahead of the game even if it was a happy coincidence.

We have a very healthy bank balance and this is in no small way because of grants we secured over the covid lockdown via Cheshire East. We have a list of work earmarked for this money and repairs and refurbishment of the hall. The front and side doors along with the fascia boards will be replaced very soon and there is a plan to sort out the main hall flooring. All of these have been put on hold because of the pandemic and are long overdue. Hopefully we can get back on track in completing all these things this year.

So, looking forward it feels like there is a lot more positivity after the pandemic and getting things back on track to a more normal year should be our priority.”

3. Matters arising from the Chairman’s report.

No matters arising.

4. Parish Matters – an opportunity for residents to raise issues.

No residents were present at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 7:10pm.