

Week St Mary Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Minutes

1. Apologies

Sue Dickenson; Lesley Booker; Trina Ward.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2023

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in April 2023 were approved.

Proposed: R Bolt

Seconded: S May

Votes: Unanimous

3. Parish Council chair's report – Cllr Carol Slade

Cllr Slade said it had been a busy year from dog mess to pot holes and planning. The parish council takes planning very seriously and is disheartened when it is not listened to. The council has developed the bottom of the playing fields. As part of the Coronation celebrations, a new bench has been put into place and new trees planted. Thanks to John Grigg who allowed Cllr Hamlyn to lay the hedge. There are also lots of new wildlife boxes. Now we will start to look at the path. Due to the wet weather, the bank has slipped. Once this is sorted the parish council can open up the area again. Thanks were extended to the clerk, councillors and Cllr Chopak for help and support over the year.

4. County Councillor report – Cllr Nicky Chopak

Cllr Chopak said it had been a busy year for her. She thanked the parish and parish councillors who she said did a sterling job. She spoke about the budget and lack of money and the effect it has on services (adult social care, education and rural transport). She noted the work of the Community Area Partnership. The new waste and recycling service has started with everyone to receive a bag or wheelie bin over the forthcoming months.

5. Reports from village clubs and organisations

A number of reports were provided by village groups and representatives. These were displayed before and after the meeting for people to look at. Linda Cobbledick spoke about the website and said they were hoping to reach 1-million hits. She thanked the parish council for its support and also David Martin. She said the website is only as good as the information provided and uploaded.

Jeremy Ward said the community shop does a great job and there is a great level of stock.

Jeremy also thanked the parish council for the grant for Bright Sparks, which he said made a great difference and allowed them to purchase head sets and

microphones. There are currently 28 children on the books, ranging in age from 7 to 15. A variety show will be held in June and a performance of Shrek in October. Antony Sachs, on behalf of the football club, said a race night will be held in October to raise funds for new goals. The teams are doing well on the pitch and the senior team moved up a league.

6. Questions from the public

A question was asked about permission regarding cherry trees in the Conservation Area. Another question asked about placing council reports or minutes in the magazine to give the community an understanding of what is happening.

The meeting closed at 8.08pm

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