

Minutes of a Meeting of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Swifts, Haggis Gap, Home End, Fulbourn on Thursday, 27th April 2023.

Present: Councillor Drage (Chairman) and Councillors Bramwell, Butler, Cone (and District), Gaskell, Howell, Johnson, Roberts, Thorn, Ward, and Daunton (County and District), Williams (District) the R.F.O, Mr Fretwell the Clerk and 10 Parishioners.

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Brown, Lacey, Lockwood and Smith; also from District Cllr Hofman.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1 Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk read an abridged version that was accepted by the meeting.

2 Finance Report.

Mr Fretwell went through the draft income and expenditure report. Income from The Swifts was gradually rising following the pandemic. Most planned expenditure had been kept to budget although damage to the pavilion had put a strain on finances whilst the Parish Council continues to liaise with its insurers. The loan for Fulbourn Hub will finish this year. Aware of rising Cost of Livings expense, Council had decided not to increase the precept this year, although that meant not spending so much on services for the village.

Mrs Newman said the Village Charities continued to support parishioners especially with heating costs during the winter months and had set up a Bursary Scheme which was supporting one person through their university course.

3 Report from County Councillor Daunton.

A written report is attached. Cllr Daunton went through the headings. Cllr Daunton said from last year the new H.G.V's and 20 m.p.h. areas/zones policies had been done. Potholes continue to be a major problem in Cambridgeshire, and central government had allocated additional funding to tackle this. The Chairman thanked Cllr Daunton for all her hard work.

4 District Councillors 'Reports.

Cllr Williams went through the headings of the joint attached report with Cllr Hofman then thanked the Neighbourhood Plan Team for delivering the Plan for the parish. The Chair also thanked Cllr Williams for his hard work for the village.

Councillor Cone. Cllr Cone issued the attached report adding a lot already said overlapped his report. District Councillor representing 8 villages now, he does try to attend as many meetings as possible including the PPG (Patient Participation Group) and being on the Neighbourhood Plan Team. The Chair then thanked Cllr Cone for all his hard work over the past year.

5 Neighbourhood Plan.

Mr Ron ward said the Referendum had a good turnout resulting in the Plan being adopted after five-years of hard work. Both he and Cllr Drage had a productive meeting with the Planners at SCDC earlier today; they will be visiting Fulbourn and working with the Parish Council. From the NP Action Plan, and its Aims and Objectives, Mr Ward said he was happy to assist the Parish Council by having various groups set up to work on different projects.

One parishioner felt the High Street was not inclusive and there was no Disabled Bay for parking. This had been in an earlier draft of the NP and would be something to consider in the future.

6 School Report. There were no reports this year.

7 Church Reports. A written report from URC was issued.

8 Village Organisations.

8.1 Heather Callingham from Fulbourn Tennis said their membership is steady and whilst it was boosted during Covid, many of those players had returned to indoor facilities. Links have been

made with the Landmark International School thus encouraging juniors to the club who are only charged £5 per annum for membership. Coaching for juniors continues to be successful with three sessions held every week as well as holiday camps. The club has just spent £6,000 rejuvenating 3 Astra courts extending their life by approximately 3 years before the need to replace two of them at an estimated cost of £50,000. Heather thanked Wright's Clock fund for awarding a grant enabling the club to purchase new floodlights.

Reports from the various Parish Council Sub-Committees were issued.

The Chairman ended the meeting by thanking the Parish Councillors and the Clerk for the hard work and support, and everyone for attending this evening, as this is her last meeting before retiring from the Council.

Before the meeting closed, Cllr Thorn paid a tribute to Cllr Mary Drage who had been Chair for the last ten years, Cllr Thorn said not everyone realised just how much work Mary does for the village; she had been instrumental in redesigning and increasing the size of The Village Pump and seeing through the building of Fulbourn Hub. She will be sorely missed by everyone. Derek then presented Mary gifts from the PC as a gesture of thanks for all her endeavours over the last few years.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.25pm.