

**The Annual Meeting of the Parish was held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Horton, Cllr Campbell, Cllr Mogan, Cllr Shoot, Cllr Simmonds

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs H Hepworth (Clerk), Ward Cllr Wells

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr B Kirkby and Ward Cllrs Hannigan and Clark

2. Declarations of interest on any agenda items - none

3. The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish in May 2023 were noted

4. Report of the Chair

It has been an interesting year with a lot of work needed on the pond to control the weed and to replace the failing duck house on the island. Building work commenced on Vicarage Lane creating the new road Vicarage Gardens and the Parish Council was successful in securing the pub as a village asset. Several trees on Cherry Lane had to be removed. The Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted.

The Time Capsule for the Coronation was well-attended and this supported by the Parish Council's application for the Community Grant of £250. A new bench was installed and the verges and communal areas have been well maintained with the grass-cutting in the village receiving lots of compliments.

The Parish Councillors now have their own email addresses and the Parish Council Clerk has an email address and access to the Parish Laptop. The Council has also changed to internet banking which has reduced the spend on postage for sending payments by cheque. This year also saw a change of chair with Graham stepping up to the role after Bill left the council. Bill was an asset to the council and we thank him for all his hard work. We also appointed a new Clerk in July.

Future projects include the installation of permanent Speed Indication Device(s) on High Street, ascertaining the ownership of Pocket Park and then developing this accordingly, reduced speed limits in the village, the Neighbourhood plan, history of the church and strengthening the links with the Village Hall. This year has already had a successful start with the planters having a facelift on High Street thanks to Cllr Morgan.

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Meeting closed 19.14