

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD IN STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2022 AT 6.00PM

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr Christine Cookman

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Knapton (Clerk)
12 members of the public

22/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

22/2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

There were no minutes available.

22/3 PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

What are we here for?

We are a voice for our parish residents; to ensure the parish precept is spent wisely; (majority goes to Clerk's salary; grass cutting, churchyard maintenance & pond / tree maintenance); to communicate to all residents; to maintain our Parish Council assets; to be a voice for planning applications; act as the link to both district & county councils including reporting footpath, road and street light conditions.

Parish Council meetings were held by video link until June 2021 re covid. Covid also affected the summer's grass cutting through staff shortages and illness; the contractor withdrawing his services at year end.

Gravestones in the old churchyard have been repaired & made safe; pond trees were finally pruned as allowed; it was agreed to renew the pond fencing at the beginning of the year and volunteers are now doing the work.

No Speed watch exercises have been held since October. The council are continuing to work towards VASS, vehicle activated signs; and improve the lighting on the village green road junction.

Dave Green & helpers retired from looking after the village plant troughs; Robert Churton & volunteers offered to take on the task.

Building of the four Mill Lane houses has progressed together with the 30mph extension & further three dwellings were agreed for the farmyard on Easingwold Road.

Three unkempt building sites were reported & improvements since shown for two sites.

Planting of wildflowers on the Top Green was considered; majority of respondents approved the idea but not on a village green. Pleased to see the Queen's Jubilee Year is encouraging tree & hedge planting; whilst there are concerns over loss of some garden trees not always replaced & some removed without permission.

Changes during the year: Malcolm Rowe retired as Chairman mid-way through & resigned at year end. Mary Midgley, Clerk gave notice to leave in August; she kindly stayed on until our current clerk, Nigel Knapton was formally accepted.

On behalf of members, we thank the many village volunteers who help to look after Stillington; cutting the grass in front of their homes; cleaning the bus shelters; looking after

Approved Chairman

the plant troughs, the telephone box/library; the village Facebook and website, litter pick, maintain the churchyards, village trees and pond area and provide open communication to all homes via the Stillington News.

22/4 RESOLUTION(S) FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no resolutions.

22/5 QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

A question was asked as to whether a noticeboard could be positioned outside the village shop.

22/6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 May 2023 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 6.10pm.