

HUNTINGTON PARISH

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 14th April 2022 in Huntington Community Centre held at 7 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors B Lester (Vice Chairman), J Ashley, M Thompson, C Benton, S Tunas Bana, J Newman, D Davies, and A Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs L McClymont (Clerk), and 1 members of the public.

1/22) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Silvester (Chairman), S Allt, M Tym, and K Bury.
Mr D Wheatley (Finance Officer).

2/22) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th April 2021 were distributed and perused by those present. Cllr Davies proposed that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record. This was seconded by Cllr Tunas Bana, and everyone agreed.

Resolved

That the minutes were a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

3/22) OPENING ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN CLLR ASHLEY

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Silvester the Vice Chairman took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He agreed to wait a while to see if there were any late comers to the meeting. There was only one member of the public in attendance. Cllr Lester read out the Chairmans report for the year which had been written by Cllr Silvester and distributed.

Well, here we are at the penultimate meeting of another Covid wracked Council year. At last, though we have been able to meet face to face and not via Zoom Meetings although with present numbers who knows what may happen in the future

This year we have welcomed the return to the Council of Mike Tym and a new face with John Newman. A hearty welcome to them both.

We are also seeing the Community Centre coming back online for hire, this will hopefully allow us to generate some income. Something that has not occurred for quite some time. We have the installation of a new Fire Alarm system in the hall.

We are also in the position of hopefully completing the inscribed bricks at the memorial garden.

Incidentally, we also witnessed the untimely passing of Chris Lilburn an excellent friend to Huntington Parish Council. He will be sadly missed.

We have now gone live with our new Parish Web site. Thanks to Lynn and Steve Tunas Bana for their work on this project.

It is good to see the Country Park coming back to life after the winter our thanks to Mark and Simon for their efforts there. It was noticeable that through the winter we witnessed an increase in vandalism. Whilst not condoning this behaviour we seem to be bereft of any interests for the youngsters of the area.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of our staff who frequently go beyond the call of duty. A special word of thanks to our Parish Clerk for all her work on numbers for bricks in the memorial garden.

And a big thank you to the team working on the Platinum Jubilee Day.

4/22) QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Chairman invited questions from the Public and the following items were fully discussed to the public satisfaction: -

- a) **Mr Preece** – Would like to see the village look more appealing. The litter picking from the District Council and County Council is quite poor, litter is not removed from the hedgerows and shrubs. The Chairman thanked Mr Preece for all his hard work voluntary litter picking in the village and trying to keep our village tidy.

- b) **Cllr Newman** – Had been requested by Mr Wetton to raise the issue of the island by the school flooding badly every time it rains. Members noted that this matter has been raised several times with County Highways.
- c) **Cllr Newman** – Has been approached by a group of teenagers raising the issue that there was nothing for teenagers to do in the village. They wanted a seating area with a cover and a bin away from the Children's play area and Memorial Garden so they can sit and chill out together. Cllr Ashley confirmed that he had also had a similar request from a group of youngsters recently. Members agreed that this request could be considered by the Parish Council in the future as a project.

There being no other questions raised by members of the public, the Chairman closed the Annual Parish Meeting at 19.33 and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Signed _____

Date _____