

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 8th March 2022 at 7pm at St. Peter's Church, Wellesbourne

Present:

Parish Council Chairman: Cllr Mrs Prior Councillors: Blake, Cannon, Dipple, Kendall, Keogh-Bywater, Shepherd
Acting Clerk Mrs Skinner Members of public: 9

Welcome by Parish Council Chairman Cllr Anne Prior

Cllr Prior said the last face to face meeting had been held in 2019 and that this year's annual report was published in the Wellesbourne & Walton News

Apologies for absence

Received from County/District Councillor Mrs Parry, Cllr Mrs Bolton, Cllr Barton

Confirmation of the minutes of 9th March 2021 & matters arising - Prop Cllr Kendall, 2nd Cllr Shepherd Agreed

Presentation by Cllr. Prior on the Parish Council Development Plan

A presentation was given highlighting projects that were completed during the previous year, ongoing projects, outlining the governance review and inviting feedback, and discussing the climate emergency and the council's need to have a statement which was supported by residents. Also the council's plan to achieve Quality Status was outlined. Questions were raised by members of the public during the presentation including funding to maintain newly acquired public open spaces and the issues of bio-diversity, bus services, building requirements on new developments, environmental impacts on the community. Interested parties were invited to email Cllr.Prior to express their interest at being involved in a working party to look at issues around the climate emergency.

Introduction to Parish Council report in Wellesbourne & Walton News

Questions to Councillors on report

Mr Hargis, Chapel Street asked if there were plans to hold any Jubilee events. Cllr Mrs Prior said a beacon will be lit at the church on Thursday 2nd June at 9.45pm and a Community Picnic was arranged for Sunday 5th June at Mountford sports field. The Community Day was to be held again on 10th September at Mountford sports field.

Any matters which may be raised by an elector of the Parish

Mr Davis, Oxford Way enquired why the recycling unit had not re-opened regularly since the pandemic. Cllr Mrs Prior said WCC reported it was not used very much and they were not in a position to open it for longer hours. A visit could now be booked on the same day.

Miss McDonagh, Mountford Close asked why bus timetables were no longer displayed at bus stops. Cllr Mrs Prior suggested Stagecoach should be contacted to ask they be reinstated. She also asked what the land at Dog Close would be used for. Cllr Mrs Prior stated that it would be left semi wild with cut footpaths and seating and no decisions had been made yet about whether dogs were to be allowed. There would be no play equipment installed. The land beyond the fence which was in the process of being gifted to the parish was to be used as a community orchard. Cllr Cannon enquired when the play area at The Grange would be open. Cllr Mrs Prior replied that it was still being used for storage of materials and would not be in use until the end of 2022. That area would all be handed over to the Parish Council.

Cllr Mrs Prior thanked everyone for attending.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8:07pm

Chairman....Cllr A Prior.....

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