

MINUTES

HIGHAM ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL Annual Parish Council Meeting

Date: Monday 13th May 2019
Time: 7.30 pm
Present: B Golder, D Waterton, A Jenkins, Steve Gayton, K Whitehead, A Grimes, Ivan Ould,
D Dickson (Parish Clerk), 5 Members of Public

1) APOLOGIES

There were no apologies as all Parish Councillors were in attendance.

2) ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF PARISH COUNCIL

Brian Golder stood down as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Brian Golder was nominated to stand as Chairman.

Nominated: Dawn Waterton
Seconded: Steve Gayton

There were no other nominations.

A vote was taken and all who attended voted for Brian Golder to stand as Chairman.

Brian Golder was therefore duly re-elected as Chairman of Higham on the Hill Parish Council.

3) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This year's report will be quite brief because the Parish Council agreed that this year, being the last year before a new Council would likely be in place, it would be sensible to take a low key approach and not get involved in a major project, just to carry out an essential maintenance, in fact a year of consolidation, and this is exactly what has happened, our largest project was to have the oath around the recreation ground re-surfaced.

The big major concern in the village was the closure of the Oddfellows Arms. This being our only pub, the Parish Council applied to the Borough Council for it to be registered as an Asset of Community Value, and this was granted. In February 2019 the Parish Council held a public meeting, which was extremely well attended, to try and ascertain what the village wanted to do. From this meeting a community group was set up and the group is still actively involved in looking at many alternative ideas to save the pub.

There were Parish Council elections scheduled for 2019, as there were 8 registered candidates for the 6 places available, an election took place on 2nd May 2019.

I would like to say how good the Christmas lights were again last year and I imagine this year's will be even better, but we will have to wait and see! Many thanks to the volunteers who make the display possible.



