

MINUTES

HIGHAM ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL Annual Parish Council Meeting

Date: Monday 4th May 2020
Time: 7.00 pm
Present: B Golder, D Waterton, A Jenkins, Steve Gayton, K Whitehead, A Grimes, Ivan Ould,
A Perkins (Parish Clerk), 2 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: Ann Jenkins
Seconded: Dawn Waterton

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

Our main concern this year has been trying to get LCC to improve the path down Nuneaton lane. Dog fouling whether in the Recreation ground, Cricket pitch, or around Village is still a real issue. The new Meadow at the rear of HILARY BEVINS CLOSE continues to improve and can only get better. The recent planning application to build on the "Oddfellows Arms" site has now been withdrawn.

Future plans

We are in the process of looking at and formulating future plans for 2020-2021. Any input from the Village itself would be welcome and we are always prepared to listen to any idea's that you may have.

We hope the Party in the Park will still be able to go ahead in July, but we will have to wait and see. I am looking forward to seeing if there will be any more Reindeers around the Christmas tree this year.

Anyone who thinks they could volunteer for helping their community in any way please contact the parish clerk.

I would take this opportunity to thank all of my fellow councillors who readily give up their time to try and improve the village and its amenities to benefit of everyone.

I would also like to thank our parish clerk who has held the post for less than a year, but has fitted in so quickly, into our understanding of what we expected, and has become a huge help to all of the councillors.


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Also, I must say as always, a big thank you to Ursula Cox for opening the Methodist Chapel for our meetings.

I would thank the volunteers who have offered their help in whatever capacity, it is much appreciated. Should anyone require any information on any matters concerning the village please contact the parish clerk who will always be pleased to supply you with the relevant information.

On behalf of the Parish Council, we hope everyone one of you keeps safe, in these uncertain times.

Brian Golder

4) **REPORT FROM HIGHAM CHARITIES**

No meetings had taken place in the previous 12 months and no monies had been received or spent.

For Higham Charities Brian Golder agreed to continue as the Parish Council liaison.

5) **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following nomination was made for Vice Chair:

Ann Jenkins
Nominated by Dawn Waterton
Seconded by Brian Golder

There were no other nominations.

A vote was taken and all who attended voted for Ann Jenkins to stand as Vice-Chair.

6) **REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS**

It was agreed that no amendments were required to the Standing Orders for Higham on the Hill Parish Council and so they were accepted and approved as a correct version.

7) **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

The Financial Regulations for Higham on the Hill Parish Council were reviewed. The Clerk proposed that two signatories be required to authorise payments and to sign cheques. The updated version was adopted.

8) **REVIEW OF ASSET REGISTER**

The asset register was reviewed. The new laptop, printer, dog waste bin on Hilary Bevins Close and LED reindeer had been added.

9) **INSURANCE COVER**

The insurance cover was confirmed as relevant and at the appropriate level however the clerk to investigate whether regular risk assessments of the play equipment should be



carried out by the council and if so, how these should be recorded. The policy expires on 20th January 2020. The LTA will cease in January 2022.

Action: Parish Clerk to enquire

10) **REVIEW OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO OTHER BODIES**

A review was undertaken of the subscriptions paid to other bodies, these were agreed.

This concluded the business of the Annual Parish Council meeting; the meeting was closed at 7.20 pm.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. G. C.', written over a horizontal line.

Dated

27 / 07 / 2020