

## 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

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#### 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 oah 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow Councillors who readily give up their time to try and improve the village and its amenities within a limited budget. I would also like to thank our Parish Clerk who is always extremely helpful to all Council members and to me as Chairman especially. However, on a sad note, our Dot, who has held the post for 20 years, has decided that due to work commitments she needs to stand down. We will miss her enormously, and the process to find a replacement is underway.

I also must not forget to say a big thank you to Ursula Cox who always opens up the Methodist Church for our meetings.

Should anyone require any information on any matters concerning the village please contact the Parish Clerk who will always supply you with the relevant information.

#### 4) **REPORT FROM HIGHAM CHARITIES**

A meeting was held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019. A buffet was held at Stoke Golding Liberal Club to use the money that had accumulated.

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 Brian Golder  
Seconded by Dawn Waterton

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. No changes were proposed. The version was approved.

#### 8) **REVIEW OF ASSET REGISTER**

The asset register was reviewed. It was agreed that all the equipment in the recreation ground, the Christmas lights, the defibrillator, dog waste bins and the vehicle activated signs should be included on this list.

Action: **Parish Clerk to update list**

9) **INSURANCE COVER**

The insurance cover was confirmed as relevant and at the appropriate level and the policy expires on 20th January 2020.

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 7.45 pm.

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