

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 16th MAY 2022**

Attended:

Mrs Maggie Ashcroft
Cllr Ashley Baxter
Mr Arthur Dethick
Mr Mike Hutchings
Mrs Alison Ireland
Ms Judy Rasmussen
Mr James Mooney
Mrs Moira Small
Mr Iain Stowe
Mrs Jean Stowe
Mr Barrie Upson

Cllr David Ward – Chairman
Cllr Iain Gowans
Cllr Ish Kamran
Cllr Steve Snell
Mr Ian Coles – Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Sue Latham

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 AUGUST 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 August 2021 were considered, following which it was proposed by Cllr Iain Gowans, seconded by Cllr Ish Kamran and unanimously agreed the minutes be accepted as a correct record of the meeting; the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1 APRIL 2021 – 31 MARCH 2022

The Chairman, Cllr David Ward, summarised the previously published report to the meeting on the activities of the Parish Council for the year ending 31 March 2022.

Anglian Water worked extremely hard with us during the year in resolving the waste water management issues of the village. Measures were taken to reduce the amount of rain water flowing into the drains and this has prevented most of the previous problems reoccurring.

Road safety is one of our primary concerns within the village and we have been closely monitoring the data that is provided by our speed indicating device, as well as changing its position in order to draw conclusions on its effectiveness. We are also aware of accidents which have occurred on the bridge at the south end of the village and are looking at the options available to try and minimise these in the future.

The water supply to the cemetery, kindly provided by a resident living adjacent to it, is no longer available following the failure of a supply pipe and prohibitive costs of replacing it. We have now obtained a water butt for use by visitors to the cemetery as and when required.

Gravel extraction continues to be monitored by the Parish Council and we have regular discussions with both Breedon and Cemex on the progress of existing sites and new ones earmarked for future work.

The bus shelter is in need of extensive repair or replacement and councillors have been considering all the options available for this which include applying for grants from both South Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council. We hope to make further progress on this in the forthcoming year.

There are various events organised for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and we are hoping that as many residents as possible come along to join in the celebrations over the four days between Thursday 2nd and Sunday 5th June 2022 inclusive.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Mr Ian Coles provided a financial summary for the year from the Financial Report which has been published on our website.

Our expenditure in the year reduced from previous year when extensive tree work was needed to be carried out in the cemetery and significant costs were incurred after Lincolnshire County Council required us to set up a new website. Our bank balance increased slightly from £189 at 31st March 2021 to £314 at 31st March 2022.

We have made another significant increase to the level of the annual precept required from South Kesteven District Council for 2022/23 as we have built in an allowance for our expected costs of replacing the bus shelter, as referred to in the Chairman's Report.

Mr James Mooney asked why the precept has increased so much in recent years and Mr Ian Coles explained that this was largely due to increased payments to the clerk as an employee of the Parish Council (as referred to in last year's minutes), along with allowances for expected tree work in the cemetery and churchyard and for 2022/23, the bus shelter, as referred to above. Our annual budget, agreed at the November 2021 Parish Council Meeting detailing our expected income and expenditure, is published on our website.

5. COMMUNITY REPORTS

No other reports have been received this year.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Jean Stowe praised the new website and thanked those involved with setting it up and updating it.

Mrs Alison Ireland mentioned that our Parish Council Facebook page could be improved as it currently shows as a personal one, rather than a business / group account. Cllr Ish Kamran and Mr Ian Coles will look at this and see if we can make appropriate amendments to change this.

Cllr Iain Gowans mentioned that he had undertaken extensive research on the data of the speed indicating device and that, despite interest in purchasing this from us by a nearby parish council, he will be recommending at the imminent Parish Council Meeting that we keep it. Cllr Steve Snell thanked Iain for all the work that he has done in respect of this which was endorsed by all.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.28 p.m.

Chairman

Date _____