

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 22nd MAY 2023**

Attended:

Mrs Maggie Ashcroft  
Cllr Pam Byrd  
Ms Anne Davison  
Mrs Alison Ireland  
Mrs Emma King  
Mr Graham Magee  
Mr James Mooney  
Mr Glenn Roberts  
Mrs Patricia Snell  
Mr Steve Snell  
Mr Roy Slater  
Mr Iain Stowe  
Mrs Jean Stowe

Cllr David Ward – Retiring Chairman  
Cllr Glenn Fuller  
Cllr Gareth Williams  
Cllr Sue Latham  
Cllr Brian Marsden  
Cllr Anna Thompson  
Mr Ian Coles - Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 MAY 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2022 were considered, following which it was proposed by Cllr Sue Latham, seconded by Mr Steve Snell 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 2022 – 31 MARCH 2023**

The Chairman, Cllr David Ward, summarised his report to the meeting on the activities of the Parish Council for the year ending 31 March 2023 which will be published on our website shortly.

Whilst no progress has been made on replacing or repairing the bus shelter and the proposed new children's playground, it is hoped that there will be positive developments on both these matters going forward.

The Kings Coronation Weekend was a great success and thanks were extended to the West Deeping Jubilee Committee and Frazer and Emma at the Red Lion. Cllr Sue Latham also asked for thanks to be extended to the Village Hall Committee for their work towards making this significant event an extremely enjoyable one.

Gravel extraction has been the biggest issue that we have faced in the village over the past year and the Parish Council have been in regular discussions with Breedon's, Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) and several residents regarding our concerns over the expansion plans for both the existing sites and the proposed ones in LCC's Mineral and Waste Local Plan. In addition to attendance at the Quarry Liaison Meetings at Breedon's, a separate West Deeping Quarry Committee has been set up to monitor developments and raise objections, where appropriate, in order to protect the quality of life for everyone in the village.

David also confirmed that he had not sought re-election to the Parish Council at the recent local elections but wished the new councillors every success in the future.

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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

Our income during the year amounted to £9,249 which predominantly consisted of the annual precept of £9,000 from SKDC, along with Boaty levies, contributions towards new batteries for the defibrillator and a small amount of bank interest.

Our expenditure in the year was £9,286 which comprised of our amenity contract with Gary’s Gardens of £1,399, staffing costs of £6,865, new defibrillator batteries of £152 and general administration costs of £870, which includes our annual insurance and subscriptions.

At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, our bank balance reduced slightly from £314 at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 to £277.

The usual Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) forms have been completed and our finances for the year have been inspected and agreed by our internal auditor.

The Financial Report for the year, along with copies of the AGAR forms and our annual budget for the 2023/24 year, agreed at the November 2022 Parish Council Meeting detailing our expected income and expenditure, will all be published on our website.

**5. COMMUNITY REPORTS**

No other reports have been received this year.

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chairman**

**Date**\_\_\_\_\_