

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MONDAY 15TH MAY 2023

AT WERRINGTON VILLAGE HALL



PRESENT

Cllr B Hughes (Chair), Cllr J Morrison (Vice Chair)

Cllrs S Hill, L Ibbs, P Brown

Z Grindey (Clerk), G Keiher-Knapper (Deputy Clerk)

County Councillor R Ward

There were 3 residents in attendance

THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING AT 6:40PM

APM01/23 WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APM02/23 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chair presented her report and gave an update of the successes of the past year. This included the wonderful job done by the Village Wardens, the continued popularity of the sports ground, the improvements made around the Millennium Rock and the presentation of the Coronation mugs to the children at Werrington Primary School and the Preschool. The Chair stated that one of her favourite parts of her role was delivering flowers to those residents celebrating 90, 95 or 100 year birthdays.

APM03/23 REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr R Ward provided a report. The key points were that an additional £30m will be allocated to the Highways Department, making a total of £80m. An additional £4m has been secured for repairing potholes. £350k has been allocated for the refurbishment of Ash Bank Road, to take place over the next 18 months. The County Council are revisiting the request to reduce the 60mph speed limit on the section of Leek Road that runs past the sports ground.

APM04/23 FIVE YEAR PARISH PLAN

The Clerk explained that the Council are still putting together a five-year plan for the village. Following on from the consultation carried out at last year's Fun Day, the Council are considering improvements to the play equipment at Meigh Road park and rewilding the area at the bottom of the playing fields to encourage more pollinators and other insects, birds and wildlife.

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APM05/23 REPORT BY DEPUTY CLERK REGARDING THE SPORTS GROUND.

The Deputy Clerk provided an update on the sports ground. There has been a change of contractor carrying out the grounds maintenance. A pitch maintenance plan has meant that the pitches are in much better condition than in previous years. One of the shower floors has been replaced, along with other repairs and new picnic benches have been installed. Contacts have been made with the Space Scheme and Stoke City Community Trust to look at ways of working together.

APM06/23 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public were invited to ask any questions. There were no questions.

APM07/23 FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND CLOSE.

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and stated that she hoped that more residents would come forward to join the Parish Council.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6:55PM