

WEREHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Draft Minutes (until approved at the next meeting)

TUESDAY 4th May 2021 6.45 PM

Virtually on Zoom

In attendance

Cllr Jo Bruce

Cllr Annie Bruce

Cllr Sandra Calvert

Cllr Jacki Hitching

Cllr Jonathan Marsh

Cllr John Millard

Cllr John Nicholls

Helen Richardson, Parish Clerk and RFO

Members of public in attendance – 4

1 Apologies for absence- There were none.

2. Last Year's Annual Parish Minutes May 2019 - Matters Arising

Were accepted as a true record.

3. Chair of the Parish Council Report

I wanted to start by taking this opportunity to thank all my fellow councillors and; our Clerk Helen for carrying on regardless during the last 12 challenging months. It was so bad last May that the Annual Meeting of the Parish didn't go ahead. And in fact, our first zoom meeting took place in June.

To some extent we've tried to simply keep things ticking along rather than throw ourselves in to new projects. But the list of last year's achievements is still pretty impressive.

We started on a high, in April 2020 as our Clerk Helen qualified as a CILCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) after 9 months of study from July 2019 to January 2020. As a result, the Council could enact the General Power of Competence.

We said goodbye to Cllr Cliff Knight; welcomed his replacement Cllr John Nicholls who was co-opted in September 2020.

The Play area which had to be closed during the first lockdown for safety was finally refreshed February this year. We purchased a new bird nest swing equipment, replaced the old flooring with a safer solution and moved the goalpost successfully using funding we received over the year, meaning there would be very little cost from the precept.

During the first lockdown in particular Helen set up a register of volunteers to help anyone that required it in relation to covid.

One new dog bin was installed near the cemetery on The Row.

We've installed a life buoy at the pond.

Moved to an online accounting package for PC financial accounts; signed up to an online package for cemetery record keeping and administration.

Undertook necessary tree work in public areas managed by the Parish Council.

Cllr Jacki Hitching agreed to be the representative at the Norfolk Association of Local Councils (NALC) meetings.

Finally, new projects we've started in 2021 so far include rewilding of common land areas, coir roll installation in the pond on the beach side, quotes to Hoover the pond to remove silt; increase its depth.

No doubt this list will continue to grow as we progress throughout the year.

4. Public Concerns

The Chair advised that any questions regarding the Parish Council budgets could be raised at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Meeting Closed 7.00 pm