

Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Hardwick Village Hall on 21st May 2024

Present: Mark Cann (Chairman), David Alexander, Jeremy Alexander, Miles Moseley, Angela Braddick and Josephine Murgatroyd (Clerk).

Also Present: Martyn Hooton (District Councillor)

Apologies: Jeremy Styles, Alison Thomas (County Councillor)

Five Parishioners were present.

1. Appointment of Chairman

David Alexander announced that he would not be seeking re-election. Jeremy Alexander and the Clerk both acknowledged with grateful thanks his 19 years as Chairman and the hard work that he had done during this time.

David Alexander proposed Mark Cann as Chairman, this was seconded by Jeremy Alexander and agreed by the Parish Council.

2. Appointment of Clerk

The re-appointment of Josephine Murgatroyd was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by David Alexander and agreed by the PC. The Clerk was thanked for her work during the last year.

3 Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th March were read, confirmed and signed.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Highways

Some of the potholes had been marked for repair or had been repaired. However, many including some large ones were awaiting attention. Angela Braddock confirmed that she had received an acknowledgement about those that she had reported. A parishioner informed the PC that he understood that due to a change in the highways contract, the contractors will be able to repair potholes that they come across whilst out working subject to availability of materials. This hopefully will speed up the repair work. He also understood that Mill Lane might be resurfaced this year. As this was now a route used more to access the A140 pending the building of the bypass, the Clerk said she will contact Highways to find out more information.

Village Well

Confirmation was received that the renovation work was in hand.

Village Hall

The PC were informed that a decision will be made at the next Village Hall committee meeting as to which quote was going to be accepted in respect of repairing the roof of the village hall.

Flooding – The Street, Hardwick

The parishioners concerned had reported the flooding issue to the appropriate authority and confirmation had been received from them. Martyn Hooton had spoken to the ‘Ditch Walker’ employed by the District Council but due to the number of properties that had been flooded, it would be sometime before this matter received attention.

In the meantime, contact had been made with the landowner but there was no positive news at present. Further attempts would be made to see if mitigating measures could be put in place before next winter.

Martyn Hooten said he would speak to the District Council about clearing the drains in The Street and adjoining roads.

Shelton School Nursery

The Chairman confirmed that the nursery had opened and was being supported by the Benjamin Foundation with places available for any child. There were currently places available.

5. Correspondence

In addition to the regular items of correspondence, there was nothing in particular to report.

6. Planning

a) Maesllech, The Street Hardwick

An application for a front single storey extension and an installation of a first floor gable end window was approved by the PC and granted by the District Council.

b) The Firs The Common Shelton

An application for a part single, part two storey side extension with a new porch and roof lights to the front elevation was approved by the PC. The decision of the District Council is awaited.

7. Accounts

The current balance was £1,842.78

The annual precept of £800 had all been paid in April as opposed to the precept being paid in two stages.

8. Meeting Suspended for Public Participation

There was none.

9. Any Other Business

The Clerk informed the PC that a Banking Hub had opened in Harleston initially on a six month trial basis. Limited transactions could be done every day with a wide variety of banks. Also, arrangements had been made for certain banks to have a representative in the Hub on different days.

Leaflets with further information were handed out.

10. Date of Next Meeting

This has been fixed for 17th September 2024 at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 9.03pm

Chairman
2024

Payments:- Shelton and Hardwick Village Hall- £15 hire

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