



Mutford PARISH COUNCIL

~~DRAFT~~ Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

held at Mutford Village Hall
on Monday 23rd May 2022
Commencing at 7.00pm

1/22/APM Present

Cllrs Neil Glendinning (Chair), Herbert Tonkin, Martin Warnes, Richard Read,
Theresa Robinson, David Greenacre, Jenny Sheahan (Acting Clerk); three residents.

2/22/APM Apologies for absence

John Armstrong (former Clerk)

3/22/APM Declarations of Interest personal or prejudicial to this agenda

None

4/22/APM Parish Council Accounts

In the absence due to sickness of John Armstrong (former Clerk), Cllr Neil Glendinning provided a short summary of the draft accounts for 2021/2022, with a provisional balance of £4,514.54 as of 31st March 2022; the accounts have not yet been audited.

5/22/APM Chair's Report

The Chair Cllr Glendinning gave a short report on the business of the Council over the past year, which began with Council meetings taking place 'virtually' online due to the COVID pandemic. Face-to-face meetings were finally allowed from May 2021. Speeding vehicles and on-road parking near the crossroads were constant issues during the year. The Council, having taken on responsibility for the play-area near the Village Hall, wished to formally thank the two District Councillors whose financial support had enabled the installation of safety matting.

Cllr Glendinning thanked Jenny Sheahan for the ongoing preparation of the Mutford News, and also thanked the group of distributors who enabled the free monthly community newsletter to be delivered to every home in the village.

John Armstrong had decided in September 2021 to stand down as Clerk after 12 years; there were no applicants despite advertising the role for several months.

Jenny Sheahan was subsequently interviewed and offered the role of Clerk; having resigned from the Council in order to undertake the role, it was subsequently discovered that she was legally unable to fulfil the role in either a paid or unpaid capacity for 12 months after resigning. She was subsequently co-opted back on to the Council and agreed to undertake the role on a temporary (and voluntary) basis until a permanent replacement was found.

6/22/APM Village Hall Committee Report

Roy Hurrell, Chair, outlined a series of public events that had been organised by the Committee once the COVID pandemic allowed the hall to be used. The Scarecrow Hunt across 3rd-4th September 2021 was a particular success, and it was hoped it would return in September 2022. During the year, a new fridge and cooker, picnic

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bench and security camera had all been purchased. Finances were sound, with a contingency fund retained. The Village Hall AGM was due to be held on 18th July 2022.

7/22/APM Mutford Welfare Trust

David Greenacre, Chair, gave a short report: there were currently 36 allotments and a larger plot, all of which were occupied. The Trust generated an income of £323.48 during 2021/2022, including £74 as wayleave for a pole carrying electricity cables across the plots, with an expenditure of £148.48 which was mostly spent on baskets of fruit/ bunch of flowers for people who were unwell, and book vouchers for young people going on to university.

8/22/APM Residents questions and comments

Several issues were raised: the possibility of extending the 30mph zone from Church Road to further along Mutfordwood Lane; provision of a pavement allowing safe walking along the full length of Mill Road, Church Road and Chapel Road; poor maintenance of the bridleway from Mill Road to Holly Lane; and poor access to the footpath from Chapel Road, near the entrance to Ayers Acre, due to poor maintenance of a wooden boundary fence and rotten trees partially blocking the route.

The meeting closed at 7.44pm.

Signed Chairman _____ Clerk _____ Date _____