

# HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2023 AT HANKELOW METHODIST CHAPEL

**Present:** Cllr Katie Clinton, Cllr James Du Pavey, Cllr Chris Knibbs, Cllr Rob Tindall, Cllr Steve Mitchell

### **In attendance**

Abbi Miller (Clerk), Janet Clowes (Ward Councillor)

### **1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr Ian Bennion, Cllr Nigel Dibben, Cllr Ally Wills, Cllr Joy Sansom

### **2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was proposed by Cllr Tindall and seconded by Cllr Mitchell and agreed that the minutes from 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 are approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **3.0 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising

### **4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman presented his annual statement which outlined the Council's activities in 2022/23. This covered the appointment of a new Clerk, and still being a 10-member strong Council following Cheshire East's round of Community Governance reviews. The 5-year Housing Needs survey was completed late last year meaning that our Neighbourhood plan remains current. The Chairman thanks Cllr Janet Clowes for coordinating this.

It was another busy year for reviewing Planning Applications, with 25 applications being considered, the highest amount ever. A backlog however was slowing the process down.

The Chairman noted the poor state of the roads, highlighting the numerous potholes, and encouraged councillors and residents to keep reporting them. The Council continue to strive for road safety improvements in the Parish. The works on the Audlem Road pavement have been welcomed but this needs to be maintained. The Chairman was happy to announce that the Go Too Bus now services Walgherton.

The funds received from the Community Infrastructure Levy have been well spent on village improvements, and the Improvements Working Group have worked hard to keep the Parish looking tidy, including regular litter picks, road sign cleaning and repairs, installing "Take your litter home" signs. A new bench and planter were also installed.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors for volunteering their time and contributions over the last 12 months. Sadly, we have had to say goodbye to our Vice Chair Deborah Robb, who will be sorely missed. We however welcomed Ally Wills to the Parish Council who was co-opted in March 2023 and thanked the current Parish Clerk Abbi Miller for her contribution over the year.

### **5.0 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk presented a Receipts and Payment Summary and Balance Sheet for the financial year ended 31st March 2023. The end of financial year bank balance was £4,943.76.

### **6.0 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

There were no questions or comments.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and the meeting closed at 7:27pm.