

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD
6.30 P.M. TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2023
IN THE PARISH HALL, MILKEN LANE, ASHOVER

PRESENT

Councillors E Willmot (Chairman), R Fidler (Vice-Chairman), W Armitage, J Cook, J Daykin, S Dronfield, Mrs R Early, Mrs L Hunter-Bott, C Miller.

Sara Atkinson (Parish Clerk/RFO)

Members of the Public – 6

1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 19 April 2022

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 19 April 2022 are approved as a correct record.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19 April 2022 are approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman's Annual Report 2022/2023 was presented (Appendix I). It was noted that the report was brief due to restrictions during the 'Pre-election Period'. A more extensive report would be issued in the Annual Parish Council Report for 2022/2023.

Resolved: That the Chairman's Pre-election Annual Report for 2022/23 is received.

3. Statement of Accounts year ended 31 March 2023

The Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the Statement of Accounts for year ended 31 March 2023. The Chairman of Finance gave an overview of the receipts and payments for the past year and reported on the Precept for 2023/2024 (Appendix II) which had not been increased from the previous year at £89,755.00.

Resolved: That the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 is received.

4. Open Forum

An elector asked about the number of seats on the Parish Council and voting procedure for 04 May 2023. It was clarified that 10 Parish Council seats would be available and 12 nominations had been received by the elections office. Up to 10 votes may be cast by electors on polling day.

In the interests of transparency, the Chairman allowed questions from a member of the public who was not an elector, but owned a business in the parish.

The member of the public put various questions to District/Parish Councillor W Armitage regarding the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 19/04/2022 and in relation to Butts Quarry.

An elector raised concerns at the speed of traffic along the A632 and the lack of action from the Police and Highways Authority in addressing these issues and suggested speed surveys placed below Overton turning and entering the 40mph at Kelstedge. It was said that the recent changes to speed restrictions had had little or no effect on the speed of vehicles. The lack of a footpath leading to the bus stop in Kelstedge presented a safety issue to school children.

It was suggested that the data provided by the proposed Speed Indicator Devices, may assist in establishing the safety of the A632 at Kelstedge. The data collected would be transferred to the Highways Authority at regular intervals throughout the trial period.

The safety of the A632 would continue to be raised with the Highways Authority, the Police and the MP.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.15 P.M.

Unapproved Minutes