



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Assembly Meeting 17th May, 2021, held at Central beside the playground at 7.00 p.m.

The Chairman gave her welcome address.

Welcome everyone.

I would like to thank all the councillors for their hard work looking after the parish in the last year ... oh what a year it's been. One that will be talked about for years to come due to the pandemic.

Some of the work we do is just keeping the parish running smoothly and making life easier for our residents, ensuring that Badger Farm continues to be a lovely area to live.

A big part of what we do is to find out what the residents want, exploring new ideas to see whether we can implement them in the parish. Some of the ideas that have come to fruition in the last year are:

The Wildflower Project - we've set up three wildflower areas, with the help of a group of volunteers who logged significant numbers of existing wildflowers in these areas. This group happily helped plant almost 200 native wildflower plug plants recently and we'd like to thank them for their valued help. We have an agreement with WCC these areas won't be cut until September allowing us all to enjoy some beautiful colours and very happy insects and bees.

Wildlife Project - we have many residents very passionate about wildlife that wanted to share information on how to help wildlife thrive in our parish. We have added a section on our website with lots of advice particularly on hedgehogs and the best ways to help them. We also have new signage on Rooks Down Road ... an area where many hedgehogs have been spotted crossing the road.

Tidy Badger Farm - one of our residents took the initiative to set up a litter picking group and after receiving a grant last year for high viz bibs and litter pickers the group now meet every month to pick up as much litter as they can.

By far the biggest concern over the last year has been the auction of the Davis Kickabout and some surrounding areas. We've spent many hours on research to find the best way to retain this open space for the community to enjoy and prevent any development on it. One way is to submit a Village Green application to HCC which we did, another was to work with the community to purchase the land. After many stumbling blocks we finally found a way to legally use Parish Council funds alongside money donated on the residents' community association crowdfunding page. This is something we've been trying to achieve for many months, so we are very happy to say we can work together for the maximum chance of purchasing the land at the auction on 27th May.

The Council awarded grants to Victim Support and the Citizens Advice Bureau again this year and feel it's important to support these regularly.

I'd like to welcome our newly elected councillors and look forward to working with them to continue the good work we have been doing during this last year.

Finally, I'd like to thank our Clerk for all her hard work and dedication over the past year ... working far more hours than actually paid for and always at the end of the phone should I need help.

I'm looking forward to an exciting year ahead, engaging more with our parishioners to deliver what they want and need.

There were no questions from the floor so the meeting closed and was followed immediately by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Signed:

Dated: 17th May, 2021