

Shutford Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish Council was held at Shutford Village Hall on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7.00pm

Present:

Helen Nixseaman (Chair); Sandy Forrester; Paul Huewen; Ashley Taylor; Stephen Barnes.

One member of the public was present at the meeting.

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence:

1.1 Apologies received from Chris Hall; George Reynolds

2. Minutes from last meeting:

2.1 The minutes from the previous years meeting held on 4th May 2021 were reviewed and approved.

3. Report from the Chairman:

3.1 The chairman presented the annual report covering the village events over the past 12months. This is copied in Appendix 1.

4. Open forum for members of the public.

4.1 The member of the public thanked the Parish Council for their work. There were no other specific matters raised.

The meeting closed at 7.28pm

Appendix 1.

Shutford Parish Council Annual Meeting

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Report for year ended 31 March 2022

A summary of the key actions/activities for the year include:

- The bug hotel and sign was installed on the Dairyground and the area around the bench has been tidied up and a few insect friendly plants added. Bulbs were also planted on the Dairyground in the Autumn.
- The Holly tree on Thistle Hill has been cut down and the footpath from Ivy Lane has been cleared.
- The water in the Tyte pond has been tested and found to be good.
- Shutford Goes Green continues to be on the agenda.
- We have continued to have playground inspections, and whilst the reports are not particularly helpful we have dealt with issues arising where necessary.

- A major activity was to assess the Cherwell Local Plan. This was discussed with villagers, issues and concerns were noted and were reflected in the PC response to Cherwell. We did not consider that the village infrastructure was sufficient to accommodate significant housing developments. We will continue to monitor the plan as it develops over the summer.
- We made a decision to increase the village precept for the current financial year (22/23) as it was not increased the previous year, running costs have increased and we need to ensure that we have an adequate level of reserves. Finances are in reasonable order and we will continue to assess as we consider next year's budget and precept.
- We are in the process of planning for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. The beacon will be lit on 2 June (jointly with Swacliffe and Tadmarton). We have been given a grant of £400 towards the event. We will also have a picnic on the Dairyground on 5 June.
- The allotments are mainly all being worked. It is hoped that the shed will be repaired in due course.
- Planning applications continue to be reviewed and responded to as and when they come in.
- The Village tidy up was held on 3 April.
- Flytipping, pot holes, full recycling bins and dog poo bins continue to be reported.
- Correspondence is dealt with as it is received.
- I would like to thank the Clerk and all of the other parish councillors for their support. In particular, thanks to Sandy Forrester for her contribution to the council. Sandy has now stepped down so we will look for another villager to replace her.

Helen Nixseaman