

MINUTES OF THE ADDERBURY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE METHODIST HALL, CHAPEL LANE, ADDERBURY ON WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 2024 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Councillor Diane Bratt (Chairman): Councillors Jacky Atkinson, Simon Davies, Mark Gerold, Joel Greenberg, Sue Jelfs, Ann Lyons and Rachel Moffat.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer), Lauren Murray (Head Teacher at Christopher Rawlins Primary School), District Councillors Rob Pattenden & Adam Nell and 13 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: District Councillor David Hingley.

At the start of the meeting, a resident raised a point of order with respect to the lack of a hearing loop in the meeting room. The Parish Council noted these comments and would investigate the legal requirements and obtain advice from appropriate bodies as to what reasonable adjustments for the deaf and hard of hearing could be achieved in buildings used by the Parish Council in any future meetings.

01/24 Methodist Church – John Webb from the Methodist Church, reported that the Church and Hall would close in September 2024 and he was giving notice to the Parish Council and village to that effect. Numbers in the congregation were now very low and it was no longer sustainable to keep the building open.

The Chairman thanked Mr Webb for his report.

02/24 Introductions – The Parish Councillors introduced themselves to meeting.

03/24 Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

05/24 Matters Arising

Minute Number 03/23 – Chairman's Report – A resident raised the issue of parking in the village and asked whether this could be addressed by the Parish Council. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had been liaising with the County Council and a plan had been in place for various traffic calming measures, however, the Highways Officer from the County Council who had been managing the project had left the authority and this had caused delays.

The resident also advised that in the High Street, around the area of the Post Office, a number of commercial vehicles were regularly parked there and people attending services at St Mary's Church were unable to park. Investigations would be made into allocated parking for members of the St Mary's congregation. **Action DB/TG**

The Chairman reminded the meeting that volunteers were still required for the Community Speed Watch Scheme and if they would like to volunteer, contact should be made with the Clerk.

06/24 Christopher Rawlins Primary School on the School - Lauren Murrey, Head Teacher of Christopher Rawlins Primary School gave a presentation on the School's progress and key priorities. The presentation also included information on admissions and highlights throughout the year.

There were a number of questions for Mrs Murray which was followed with a discussion on matters including the percentage of school admissions by children from outside of the village, the birth rate, admission criteria, wrap-around care, safety concerns around the area of the School including the need for more railings and changes to the traffic light timings.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Murray for her presentation.

07/24 Chairman's Report 2023/2024 – The Chairman presented a report on the Parish Council's work during 2023/2024.

The report covered the Precept, Milton Road new Community and Sports Centre project, Adderbury Lakes, biodiversity projects, traffic calming, play areas, grants, planning applications, the Local Plan and Adderbury Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk and Councillors for all their work and also other volunteers, who had supported the Parish Council over the last 12 months.

The Chairman also highlighted that the Morris Groups, Day of Dance event was being held on 27 April 2024. The Groups had decided that a road closure was not necessary this year because they would be dancing away from the roads. In 2025, it will be the 50th anniversary of the Day of Dance and the Parish Council would support any events organised by the Morris Groups.

The Chairman invited questions from the electors and there was a discussion regarding the traffic calming scheme, the new Community Centre project and the future plans for the Lucy Plackett Playing Field.

The Chairman's full report was available on the Parish Council web site. www.adderburypc.co.uk

08/24 Parish Council Accounts 2023/2024 - The Clerk presented to the Annual Parish Meeting, the financial report for 2023/2024. The figures had been subject to internal audit and gave an accurate picture of the activities of the year.

The accounts for 2023/2024 were available on the Parish Council web site. www.adderburypc.co.uk

09/24 County and District Councillors Reports – There was no report from County Councillor Arash Fatemian.

District Councillor Adam Nell updated the meeting on the work of the District Council including their move from Bodicote House to Castle Quay, Banbury town centre regeneration and Banbury 2050, the Local Plan, support for refugees, food banks and other statutory services.

District Councillor Rob Pattenden reported that it had been a pleasure to be a Councillor for Adderbury since he was elected last year and he was pleased with the community engagement on the Milton Road project. Councillor Pattenden highlighted the development behind Secombe Care Home, Gardener Way for 18 houses which did not include any affordable housing and said he would continue to support the Parish Council with this matter.

The reports were followed by a discussion about the move to Castle Quay and the parking provision in Banbury town centre for their staff and for the public.

The Chairman thanked the District Councillors for their reports and support over the last 12 months.

10/24 Question of Residents – A resident raised the issue of the business case for the Milton Road project, once the site was open and available for hire. The Chairman advised that the business case had been produced following consultation with the community and invited any members of the community to join the Working for Adderbury Community residents group and to also organise fundraising events for the project.

11/24 Councillor Ann Lyons – The Chairman advised the meeting, that Ann Lyons was retiring from the Parish Council, after over 20 years of service as a Parish Councillor. Councillor Lyons was thanked for all her work and was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors and residents for attending the meeting and invited everyone to stay for refreshments.

(The meeting closed at 9.05pm)

Chairman
16 April 2025