



BRICKENDON LIBERTY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 12th May at 7pm at Fanshaws Room, Brickendon Lane, Brickendon Liberty

Present: Cllr Tony Roberts (Chair), Cllr Julia Camp, Cllr Hannah O'Donnell, Cllr Philip Cosford, Cllr Alastair Whitaker.

In attendance: Laura Brooks-Payne (Clerk), County Cllr Jonathan Kaye, no members of the Public.

1. **Opening of the meeting by the Chairman:** Cllr Roberts opened the meeting and welcomed Cllr Jonathan Kaye.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** None
3. **To approve Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 2021:** Unanimously approved
4. **To discuss Matters arising from the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2021:** None
5. **Parish Council Review of the Year:**

Cllr Tony Roberts reported as follows;

Following on from the covid impacted previous year - the PC has just about returned to normal and as previously continuing thanks go to my fellow Cllrs, our Clerk, FRC and the residents of the Parish for their continuing involvement and support throughout the year. We look forward to it continuing.

Our thanks also go to both our Herts County Cllr Jonathan Kaye for his ongoing support as well as that of our East Herts District Councillor, Charlie Rowley.

A summary of the achievements for the year include:

- The publication and distribution of the Parish newsletter (thanks to Brenda Lambie)
- Maintenance of the parish website (thanks to Hannah O'Donnell).
- Maintenance of waste collection (thanks to Jean Retallick).
- Management of grass cutting on and around the green.
- Maintenance of the PC's review of planning applications and enforcement issues.
- Maintenance of the PC's engagement with the Highways Authority and local Policing services.
- Management and actions arising from comments made by members of the public.
- The refurbishment of the interior of Fanshaws Room.
- The refurbishment of the tennis courts and pavilion has been completed and a annual maintenance plan has been put in place with an outside provider.
- The refurbishment of the old BT telephone box including the installation of a new defibrillator.
- The Farmers Boy has been registered as an Asset of Community Value effective for five years from March 22.
- The broadband in Fanshaws room has been updated.
- Two parish wide litter picks supported by residents from across the parish have been held
- The village fete was successfully held in September 2021 after a one year hiatus.
- 2 Defibrillator training sessions held in Fanshaws.
- 2 Cherry trees donated by East Herts on behalf of Julie Mansell MP, have been planted on the green.

As with previous year's Christmas events were held for both the children and older members of the Parish together with a distribution of hampers for which a special mention goes for the support provided by FRC and Cllr Hannah O'Donnell over the Christmas period in making these such a success and very much appreciated by those in receipt of the same.

A summary of the ongoing issues which the PC will take forward into the next year with the anticipation of achieving some form of satisfactory resolution:

- The refurbishment of the children's play area on Brickendon Green.
- Local parking issues around Brickendon village.
- Speeding traffic through Brickendon village and Wormley West End (WWE)
- Completion of the Extension of the "station" footpath.
- Potential development of a neighbourhood plan.
- Provision and installation of further defibrillators in WWE, at Clementsbury and at Mangrove Lane/Monks Green.
- Installation of new village signs in Brickendon and WWE (already purchased and awaiting delivery).
- Provision of electric car charging points within Brickendon village.
- Protection of verges from traffic encroachment.

6. Update from the County Councillor:

Cllr Kaye reported the following;

During the last financial year 3340 square metres of footway micro re-surfacing took place, and much new tree planting and hedge cutting.

In the last financial year new signage was erected between Brickendon Lane and Mangrove Lane to improve route guidance for large vehicles.

£127,000 was spent on the resurfacing on Fanshaws Lane.

During the Winter season, in Hertfordshire, the winter gritting vehicles went out 47 times using 115000 tonnes of grit and utilising 100 members of staff. 1100 salt bins were also filled.

17281 square meters of potholes were filled in the last financial year.

Social media has been used much more frequently to send fault reports to Highways.

A litter campaign was launched by East Herts Council, 'Adopt an Area', members of the public can sign up online. This campaign is being jointly run with East and North Herts Councils.

Despite lockdown and staff being poorly, East Herts have managed to maintain collections of bins throughout.

7. Questions from the public: none, no one present

8. Close of meeting by the Chair: Cllr Roberts closed the meeting at 7.20pm

Laura Brooks-Payne

Clerk

13th May 2022