



BRICKENDON LIBERTY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held (APM) on Thursday 25th May 2023 at 7pm at Fanshaws Room, Brickendon Lane, Brickendon Liberty

PRESENT: Cllr Tony Roberts (Chair), Cllr Philip Cosford, Cllr Alistair Whitaker, Cllr Amanda Whitaker, Cllr Hannah O'Donnell

IN ATTENDANCE: Laura Brooks-Payne (Clerk), 5 Members of the Public, Tim Hoskin - District Councillor

- 1. Opening of the meeting by the Chairman:**
Cllr Roberts welcomed residents and Tim Hoskin – newly elected District Councillor.
- 2. Apologies for Absence:** None
- 3. To approve Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 2022:**
Minutes were approved unanimously.
- 4. To discuss Matters arising from the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2022:**
Cllr Roberts reported there were no issues arising to discuss.
- 5. Parish Council Review of the Year:**

Cllr Robert thanked Cllrs who have been in office this last 4 years, including Julia Camp who has passed her baton on after some 8 years of council duty, our Clerk, FRC and the residents of the Parish for their continuing involvement and support throughout the year. We look forward to it continuing.

Cllr Roberts thanked Herts County Cllr Jonathan Kaye for his ongoing support and assistance on a number of matters during the course of this last year.

Cllr Roberts went through a summary of the achievements for the year;

- 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, both by the Golf Club, Shaun Butterfield and more recently AT Bone Ltd.
- 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 further refurbishment work within Fanshaws Room.
- The continuing management of the Tennis Court annual maintenance plan.
- The installation of new defibrillators at Monks Green Farm, Blackfields Farm, and Clementsbury, bringing the current total in the Parish to 5 No.
- Two parish wide litter picks supported by parish residents have been undertaken.
- The village fete was successfully held in September 2022.
- Additional works on the green have been undertaken, including further development of the childrens play area, the addition of 3 new benches, 2 new dog bins and maintenance work on the trees.
- A highly successful social event to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III was held in May 2023.
- Christmas events were held for both the children and older members of the Parish.
- New village signs for Brickendon and Wormley West End have been procured and installed.
- A Verge Bollard replacement programme has been commenced.
- A Contract for the extension of the “station” footpath has been let.

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:

- 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 a defibrillator in WWE.
- Provision of electric car charging points within Brickendon village.
- Protection of verges from traffic encroachment.
- Development of the QEII garden area at the west end of the green.

6. Update from the District Councillor:

Tim Hoskin was welcomed to the meeting. Tim thanked the PC for inviting him to the meeting. Tim reported that 19 Green Cllrs were voted in on 4th March 2023. As a result there was no overall control. A formal coalition has therefore been formed with the Green Party and the Liberal Democrats. Ben Crystal is now the Leader of the Council. Tim explained that regardless of Politics he wishes to work with the PC to make a positive difference to the community. Among Tim’s priorities are reducing waste, reducing speed through the local villages and producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Roberts asked Tim if he has any influence in progressing planning enforcement issues of which he said he would do his best to help the PC.

7. Questions from the public:

None.

8. Close of meeting by the Chair: Cllr Roberts closed the meeting at 7.25pm.