

Melchet Park & Plaitford Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of meeting held via Zoom and teleconferencing on 4th May 2021

Present

K Curtis (Chairman) J Wright (Parish Clerk) Cllr N Adams-King (TVBC)
3 Members of the Parish

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr G Bailey (TVBC) who had a technical problem and Mr S Bowles.

The minutes of the May 2019 meeting had been agreed and signed at an earlier Parish Council meeting. There was no Annual Parish Meeting in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Report by Cllr Adams-King (TVBC)

The main item of his report was a summary of TVBC's response to the pandemic.

- 3280 business were supported by business rate relief and business support grants at a cost of £56m.
- Parking charges were suspended for 181 days at a cost of £250k in lost income.
- Bin collections were able to continue as normal because staff from elsewhere in the Council stepped in to help where needed (to cover sickness, self-isolating etc). (56k bins are emptied each week).
- 440 households of rough sleepers were originally placed in hotel accommodation at a cost of £440k but they have almost all now been found somewhere to live, apart from a very few who wished to go back to rough sleeping.
- £23124 was spent supporting 54 community groups (a total of 1986 volunteers) with costs such as petrol arising from shopping, medicine collection, etc. for those self-isolating.
- The TV Community Helpline (manned by staff from Romsey Rapids and Andover Lights) dealt with 3k, the demand fell as other support networks became established and known.

The application for a gypsy site in Flowers Lane was again deferred by the Planning Committee while the officers gathered more data. The details of the discussion at the meeting were already known since the Parish Council Chairman had recorded the audio of the meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at approximately 7.25 p.m.