

Melchet Park & Plaitford Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on 15th May 2023

Present

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

Apologies

No apologies were received.

The minutes of the May 2022 meeting had been agreed and signed at an earlier Parish Council meeting.

Report by Cllr Adams-King (TVBC, HCC)

This focussed mainly on highways related matters. As has been emphasised previously by far the largest part of the budget is spent on providing statutory services thus savings have to come from those areas which are discretionary one of which is highway maintenance. The major scheduled works for this year include re-surfacing of the A27 Shootash to Romsey and re-building the ford at Foxes Lane. Pothole repairs are often temporary (much cheaper to do) to make the road safe but should be more permanently repaired later.

The change to rubbish collection is not likely to be implemented until summer 2024 and it will be introduced in phases, largely due to the practicality of storing all the bins. The food waste will be collected every week and the other 3 bins will be collected in turn. Household with biological waste will be able to apply for yellow bag collection service.

Report by Cllr Bailey (TVBC) – given to the Clerk in note form due to lack of time

There is a gradual move to using electric vehicles. The diesel fleet is being converted to hydrogenated vegetable oil.

The single-glazed windows at The Old Magistrates Court in Romsey have been replaced.

It is planned to plant 6000 trees this year although almost half will be replacements for those which have died.

There being no other business the meeting closed at approximately 7.15 p.m.