

Yattendon Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Online via Zoom on Friday 30th April 2021. Commencing at 7:33pm.

Members Present: Gordon Robertson, Chairman
Anne Harris

Members Absent: Philip Bickford Smith
Georgie Rudge
Adam McCormick

Officers Present: Sarah Marshman, Clerk/RFO

In Attendance: James Hole, Managing Director, Yattendon Estates

Minutes

1. Welcome by the Council Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received.

3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 2nd April 2019

Those present agreed the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record. The minutes will be signed at the first opportunity the Council has to meet face to face.

4. To receive a report from the Managing Director of Yattendon Estates

The biggest change this year has been the Countryside Stewardship Scheme, which involves a large amount of land being turned over to nature and conservation. It was a very successful year for the sale of Christmas trees. During this year, 4,500 trees have been planted (reduced due to COVID), with 15,000 expected to be planted in the coming year. The Village Stores has been very popular with huge thanks to all the staff, particularly during COVID. It has been great to see the appreciation and support for the shop.

5. Parish Council Reports:

Report from the Chairman

The good side of lockdown: it has been wonderful walking more on the Estate and making new friends. The volunteer work has been excellent in the village. The new Yattendon Visitors Booklet, which the Council donated money to, has sold well. The shop has done well during the pandemic, and the team are congratulated for their hard work.

Financial Report from the Clerk to the Council

The Financial Report is at Appendix 1.

6. Questions from members of the public

There were no questions from members of the public.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:47pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

Appendix 1: Finance Report

Yattendon Parish Council Annual Finance Report Annual Parish Meeting 2020/21

The finance report for Yattendon Parish Council for the financial year 2020/21 is presented. Please note that all figures are provisional and will be subject to audit.

Income

The total income received from all sources of funding was £9,236. This consisted of:

- Precept £9,000,
- VAT refund for VAT spent during the 2019/20 financial year £153,
- Refund £83.

Expenditure

The total expenditure for the year was £8,429. Significant figures included in this total are:

- Total employment costs £2,821,
- Grant towards the costs of maintaining the burial ground £2,500,

- Insurance £720,
- Emptying litter and dog waste bins £610,
- Courtesy lights £286,
- Audit fees £95,
- Elections costs (uncontested election from 2019) £75,
- VAT (reclaimable in the next financial year) £222.

Looking Forward to 2020/21

The precept will increase from by £100 to £9,100. This is an increase of 1%. A Band D household will pay a total of £53.48 throughout the year. That is just £1.03 per week.

The Parish Council will continue to support the maintenance of the burial ground, with a grant of £2,500. There will continue to be the usual expenses involved in running the Parish Council, such as providing the courtesy lights, insurance and employment costs.