



Annual Parish Assembly Meeting of Chadwick End Parish Council

Held on: Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 3pm

Place: Online

Present: Cllrs Rob Horsfield (Chair), Jeff Davies and Mike Playdon

In attendance: Kerry Finlayson (Parish Clerk) & Saqib Bhatti MBE, MP **Members of the public:** 0

106/20 WELCOME and APOLOGIES

Councillors received and accepted apologies from Cllr Burrows who had no internet access and Cllrs Holl-Allen and Rebeiro who had submitted reports to be read out.

107/20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Assembly meeting held on 4th April 2019 were **confirmed** and **signed**.

Proposed Cllr Horsfield Seconded Cllr Davies All in favour

108/20 THE PARISH COUNCIL YEAR

Cllr Horsfield read out his prepared statement (Appendix A)

Cllr Davies thanked Cllr Horsfield for the incredible amount of work that he undertook for the community.

Saqib Bhatti MBE, MP thanked the PC for their donation to Heronfield Rescue Centre and advised that he would ensure that he visited there.

109/20 COMMUNITY REPORTS

i. Saqib Bhatti MBE, MP for Meriden:

- Thanked the PC for their hard work. He could clearly see the passion that they had for the local area and was pleased that the community had such strong advocates.
- Agreed to visit once the pandemic was over
- Reported on the serious issue of the rising Covid rate within Solihull
- He had joined parliament on December 13th taking over from his predecessor Dame Caroline Spellman who had left big shoes to fill. She had advised that her office normally received around 1000 pieces of case work per year but with the pandemic that had reached 1500 within the first 2 weeks and over 4000 within 6 months. These were mainly related to the public health crisis and economic problems.
- Regional housing requirements - he was pushing for brownfield sites to be used first as there had already been enough green belt land given up for HS2.
- Cllr Horsfield advised that there was a massive need for smaller homes and social housing, not the usual 5/6 bedroom developments. He also asked about CIL payments and whether they were being changed to a fixed levy which Saqib Bhatti MBE, MP agreed to look into.

ii. Councillor Diana Holl-Allen (Solihull MBC)

Reported that she was seldom contacted by residents of Chadwick End. Any contact was mainly over planning applications and speeding traffic which remained a constant worry.

iii. Councillor Alan Rebeiro (Solihull MBC)

During Covid lockdown activity had been severely restricted and his main focus was on the emerging Council Local Plan impacting the village, Test, Track and Trace capacity for the Borough, safe reopening of schools, the improvements to Knowle High Street and proposals to improve the children's play area in Knowle Park. In addition, he intervened in Planning Applications at the request of residents. He had also had a meeting with a developer on a planning application that was to be submitted imminently to Council. Proposals for parking restrictions on roads in the village centre were also under consideration and he was aware of a request from a resident of Chadwick End for the Council to look into issues of safety along a local narrow grass verge used by walkers. This was currently being reviewed by a Council Officer.

iv. Councillor Jeff Potts (Solihull MBC)

No response had been received.

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MATTERS RAISED BY THE ELECTORATE

There were none.

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TO CONSIDER CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC and PRESS

The meeting was closed at 15.48

Proposed Cllr Horsfield

Seconded Cllr Playdon

All in favour

Dated:

Signed: