

## Minutes of the Meeting Annual Assembly 2023

### This is a meeting for the public and no council decisions were made during this meeting.

**Councillors:** Chairperson Cllr Roberts, Vice-Chairperson Cllr Pearson, Sharp, Thomason, Peart,

**In attendance:** County & Borough Councillor Bell, Borough Cllr Parker, Parish Clerk and 3 members of the public.

#### 1)- Welcome and apologies

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

#### 2) Procedural items

Councillors are reminded that they must act solely in the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person, or act to gain financial or other material benefits for yourself, your family, a friend, or close associate – Noted.

#### 3) Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, s81 and the Parish Councils (Model code of Conduct) Order 2001, members are asked to declare any personal interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting as well as any gifts or hospitality received. This requirement applies to elected members and co-opted members – Noted.

#### 4) Chairman's Announcement

In the interests of openness and transparency, Councillors and members of the public are reminded that the law permits any person to film, record, photograph or use social media to report on the proceedings of a meeting of the Council or its Committees when they are open to the public. This does not extend to live verbal commentary. Filming and photography will only be permitted from the area designated. No flash photography or additional lighting should be used without prior consent. Anyone wishing to report on the meeting should notify the Clerk or Chairman so that they can be afforded reasonable facilities. People under the age of eighteen or other members of the public not wishing to be filmed or photographed should notify the Clerk or Chairman and should sit in the area designated for this purpose. Improper conduct or any disruptive behaviour could result in expulsion from the meeting – Noted.

### **5. Approval of Minutes of Annual Assembly 2022**

- Minutes were approved by the Council – proposed Peart, Seconded Sharp.

### **6. Report from Chairperson Councillor Roberts.**

- Councillor Roberts gave an update on Council activities over the past year.
- The Christmas light switch on the Green was a big success, food provided by the Achar and drinks provided by the Stag & Pheasant and music from Bedworth Brass Band, the evening was well attended and went really well.
- Grange Road Recreation Ground improvements began. The contractor chosen by NWBC has delayed works but hopefully the pathway should be complete soon and following that the installation of the disabled access entry.
- The Council met with Tarmac in relation to the proposed development – the application should be going to planning in June 2023.
- Hartshill Village Sign was installed – thank you to both Councillor Pearson and Sharp who developed the idea and Councillor Pearson who worked on hard on the artwork and obtaining funding for it to go ahead. Well done to both.
- The Council provided a small fund to local organisations (constituted groups) this year's funding went to towards the Scout hut, Oldbury Cottage Care Farm and some was allocated for the Queens Jubilee celebrations.
- The Community Centre has been running really well with the addition of the new café staff, the volunteers who run the library and the addition of the foodbank.
- The Queens jubilee event was very successful which involved food trucks, ice cream, fire dancers and the lighting of the beacon. A very well attended community event.
- The Council agreed to fund the streetlights being switched back on overnight. This was very well received by the residents.

### **7. Annual Accounts**

- The Clerk gave an update on the financial position of the Council for the year 2022-23.

### **8. Report from Borough & County Councillors**

- Councillor Bell gave an update on activities over the past year.
- Firstly, to recognise the sad loss of Cllr Lees and also Mrs Lapworth who left the Castle in the care of Joe.
- The new school build began and should be finished in time for opening this September.
- The new surgery is due to finish over the next couple of months.
- After the Sarval disaster of Summer '22 an action plan has been put in place to avoid similar this year by the Environmental Agency.
- Another appeal was lost against the traveller site who now have 31 fixed pitches. A further appeal is coming up for the Barn Fisheries site.
- Plough Hill Road – a solution was agreed following a traffic study. Funding is secured although it comes with caveats (increased housing).
- Woodford Lane – looking like a left turn only solution but this will cause issues for traffic through Mancetter.
- Speed bumps have been approved for castle Road.

- Planning application refused for piece of land behind willow close – expect to appeal.

**9. Public Participation**

- Two members of the public attended to discuss their involvement with the Windmill Sports and Social club and their plans to turn it into a community hub.
- They propose to retain the club for 20 years.
- Already home to Nuneaton Borough Ladies with an 11-a-side pitch. Proposing a further 2 9-a-side pitches and 7-a-side pitches along with this they hope to develop a 3G pitch and open it up to schools for use.
- Going down different routes in how to run it, likely a CIC or CIO.
- Councillor Roberts expressed her congratulations and wished them luck in their endeavours to improve the space.

**10. Date & Time of Next Meeting May 2024 - Friends Meeting House.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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