

PETROCKSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Baxter Hall on
Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 7.00pm.

Councillors present: M Busby (Chair), F Lowe (Clerk)
25 Councillors & parishioners

1. **Apologies of absence.** none

2. **Chairman's Report.** The Chair read out a prepared report as below.

This time last year I was reporting another year of Covid and a slow recovery with many village activities still on hold. Happily Covid, while still in the background is having little or no effect on village activities. The village is back in business.

It is strange to think that last year I was announcing the planning of the Queen's Jubilee celebration. By the way, I think the village did her Majesty proud.

A year later I am announcing the plans for the celebration of the King's coronation - it is a fragile world we live in.

Over the coronation weekend the village will celebrate the coronation with a gathering at the hall on the Saturday at 11am starting with the screening of the actual coronation then presentation of medals to the children of the village. Followed by a picnic lunch ending with children's games. The bar will be open.

On Sunday the Church service will follow the Easter liturgy, with possibly including part of the Commemoration following the coronation.

On the Monday Bell Ringers will attempt to ring in all the local villages in a single day.

The Queen's death on 8th September, although very sad was another reason for the village to celebrate her remarkable life. It is a testament of the character of the village that we come together as a community not only during times of joy but also sorry.

There will always be some tensions in a community but we remain a friendly and caring village. A big thanks to all the villagers who make Petrockstowe such a pleasant place to live.

The council has been busy, with many planning applications, re-siting of a new post box, raising money for the Rec and a new tractor, additional waste bins in the Rec and many other issues. On the 24th September, the Parish councillors proclaimed the new King at a ceremony in Baxter Hall Car Park.

Initials of Chair

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their work and unstinting support over the year, also our marvellous clerk Fiona who did her best to keep me in order. To our County Councillor Andrew Saywell and our ward Councillors Richard Wiseman and David Hurley our thanks. Sadly Richard is standing down as ward councillor so Richard many thanks for your support over the last eight years, it was much appreciated.

Finally I would like to pay a special tribute to Julie Harris who has stood down as a Parish Councillor. Her work in the community not only on the council but in many other ways not least as a Baxter Hall Trustee is known to you all. You will be missed Julie.

3. **Open Session**. No questions or reports from parishioners.
4. **Rural Crime talk by Sgt Martin Beck**. Sgt Beck gave a presentation and talk. He was available to answer questions afterwards. PCSO Baker was also in attendance.
5. With no further business, the Chair thanked all for attending and the meeting was closed at 8.15pm, and the bar was opened.

Chairman Date