

Melchet Park & Plaitford Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on 20th May 2024

Present

K Curtis (Chairman) J Wright (Parish Clerk) Cllr N Adams-King (TVBC, HCC) Cllr G Bailey (TVBC)

5 Members of the Parish

Apologies

No apologies were received.

The minutes of the May 2023 meeting had been agreed and signed at an earlier Parish Council meeting.

Report by Cllr Adams-King (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. Pothole repairs are often temporary (much cheaper and quicker to do) to make the road safe but need to be more permanently repaired later. In 2023/24 142,000 potholes were repaired. One of the major problems with potholes on rural roads is that the roads were not soundly constructed but just consist of a layer of tarmac over gravel.

Report by Cllr Bailey (TVBC) – delivered by Cllr Adams-King

The promised changes to refuse collection have been delayed due to a change in Govt policy. Food waste is still to be collected weekly, but all items for recycling will probably be collected via a single bin.

The new Local Plan consultation has ended, with no major housing sites in the Blackwater Ward. Policies are still evolving regarding housing in rural areas and will focus on need and type.

The Romsey South of Town Centre Development Plan will commence with Stage 1 (the bus station) next year with a completion date of 2027.

TVBC is still committed to a policy of zero tolerance towards fly-tipping.

There being no other business the meeting closed at approximately 7.30 p.m.