

## Minutes of the Meeting Annual Assembly 2024

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

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

**In attendance:** County & Borough Councillor Bell, Parish Clerk and five 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 Chairperson 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 Chairperson 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 2023**

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

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

- Thank you to the police for their attendance at meetings over the past year, for providing person attack alarms, school visits and parking patrols throughout the village.
- The Parish Council have funded the streetlights staying on at night for the second year. This has been well received.
- Grange Rd upgrades are now finished with the installation of signage, the Parish Council are pleased to have been able to provide this for the community the new path and benches are well used.
- Christmas Lights – we were able to light two trees on the Green this year, along with the Bedworth Brass band in attendance hot food and drinks served it was a lovely community event, and we hope to make it even bigger this year.
- We awarded three funding grants of up to £500 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to Trinity Tots, Oldbury Care Farm and Hartshill Scouts.
- In the cemetery we created the new scattering of ashes area by clearing out all the old overgrown hedging. This area is open to all not just residents of the village.
- Lots of new groups have started at the community centre and it continues to thrive. Chatter book club restarted.
- The Community café received a 5-star hygiene rating for the first time in years – congratulations to all the staff and volunteers in working so hard to achieve this.
- Our caretaker/Cleaner Jane moved on and we welcomed Janet who has been an asset to the café so far so we know she will do well in this role too.
- We replaced three new doors in the building including the rear fire door and two internal doors.
- Snowhill – a big thank you to Glenys and Tony for all their hard work maintaining the rec ground.
- Thank you to the Clerk for another successful year, for completing CILCA award last year which gives the Council the General Power of Competence.
- A big thank you to both Margaret Bell and Katie Hobley for all their hard work representing the residents of the village in their positions on both WCC and NWBC.

### **7. Annual Accounts**

- The Clerk gave an update on the financial position of the Council for the year 23-24.

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

- Welcomed the opening of the newly built High School and Health Centre.
- A liaison meeting with the Quarry owner took place and it was agreed that the Quarry would hold an open day for businesses and the community.

- School Liaison and Sarval meetings have continued with the MP joining the Sarval meetings.
- Highways delegated budget will allow traffic calming (speed bumps) as far as Charnwood Drive and railings around footpaths at secondary school to prevent children walking onto road. There will also be a raised crossing for lollipop lady at Michael Drayton.
- The Willow Close development is looking likely to go ahead as there is no power to stop it.
- Hardship fund of £1000 awarded to Hartshill Foodbank.

**9. Public Participation**

- Members of the public took part in a discussion in relation to the broken camera on Snowhill Recreation Ground. Cllr Chaudry offered to research the cost of a replacement with a refurbished camera against the repair of the broken one.

**Meeting Closed 7.07pm**

**10. Date & Time of Next Meeting May2025 - Friends Meeting House.**

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

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