



# Marsham Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022 AT 7PM IN MARSHAM PARISH CHURCH

### PRESENT

Mr C Hensby – Chairman

Mrs V Allen

Dr J Bailey

Mr P Gladden

Mrs B Warman

Mr D Grapes

Mr B Parke

### 1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

### 2. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 which had previously been circulated were **agreed** by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

### 3. TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman reported on the activities of the Parish Council over the last year. Noting the hopes that post pandemic will allow normality to resume. Thanks given to the Church for allowing meetings to take place whilst we have been unable to use the Village Hall. The hope being that meetings can resume in the village hall in the future. The SAM2 sign results were noted and the plans for installation of a 20mph school zone was planned and White Gates in to the village should all work to help reduce speed. The Report went on to confirm the work of the subcommittee looking into the Streetlights and welcoming the future changes and upgrades. The Chairman thanked the Councillors and residents of the village who give up their time for their community making it a better place to live. The Allotments have a vacancy this year after one tenant pulling out – please contact the Clerk to reserve.

### 4. TO RECEIVE THE CLERKS REPORT

The clerk gave a verbal report on the finances for the Council for the financial year 2021/22. Total expenditure for the year was £12,467 with income lower than usual at £11,161, this is as a result of the grass cutting contribution from Highways of circa £2,500 not yet being paid. The Clerk advised the Council that a VAT rebate had been applied for of £2,600 also.

### 5. TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS

**a) VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

No reports requested of the Village Hall Committee, The Clerk made note of the AGM minutes from the Village Hall Committee Meeting in January 2022.

**b) MARSHAM HEATH TRUSTEES**

The Council were updated on the process of registering land of the Heath with Land Registry. Working with the NWT to gain advice. A small fire has occurred this year with little known as to its cause. The Trustees have implored residents to report any sightings of campfires or similar to the Police as it is an offence in an area of Specific Scientific Interest and of course when the warmer weather sets in, particularly dangerous.

**6. BOB PARKE – THE MARSHAM SHOW 2021 Review and update on 2022.**

Bob Parke gave a verbal report. The show in 2021 was a success - best ever with fantastic feedback from visitors and attendees. It was confirmed that due to a lack of consistent volunteers and deteriorating health of the committee members the 2022 show will not go ahead, the show needs new blood. The Show has donated £9000 to charity and has taken 32 nominations for the remaining balance to be shared. This includes local organisations such as the village magazine and Defibrillator upkeep. Confirmed there was a presentation evening planned for 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and further details could be found online.

**7. POLICE REPORT**

Local Newsletter updates circulated, but no annual report requested.

**8. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SECTION**

There were no questions asked.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 7:30pm and carried on to the main Parish Council Meeting.