

## The Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on the 26th May 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. The meeting was chaired by the Mike Williams the Parish Council Chair and the following subjects were on the agenda. The Parish Council's Annual Report

- Including the Neighbourhood Plan for Nash.

To hear reports from, and consider any matters raised by, any village organisations or projects.

- Allotments Committee
- Elmers Charity
- Fibre to the Property
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Nash in Bloom
- Newsletter
- Parochial Church Council
- Village Hall

To consider any matters raised by residents on the current Electoral Roll for Nash.

Any other urgent matters for discussion

The Parish Council report covered existing councillors who are David Carter, Rhys Collins, Kathy Hickey (vice chair), Mike Williams (chair), Barry Wyke, Len York and one vacancy (applications for the position are sought). The change of Parish Clerk as Alison Robinson is retiring and Debbie Evans takes over on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022, was announced. 19 planning applications and two appeals were considered by your Parish Council last year. The neighbourhood plan has reached the inspection stage and the inspector (Andrew Ashcroft) has been appointed.

The precept has been raised for this financial year to £18,500. Nearly £40,000 has been spent on the children's playground and other projects included the Nash Exchange, Bat & Bee boxes, annual litter pick, village pond reed clearance, renovation of the pond bridge and knee rails and also both village pumps, a new flagpole by the Cross and new football nets donated by councillor York and a replacement bench on the recreation ground due to vandal damage to the previous bench.

Councillor Shekar who started the Nash in Bloom project has resigned from the council and we wish him well. This means that the Nash in Boom project needs new leadership and it would be good if that leadership could be found immediately.

There is still no neighbourhood watch coordinator, and there were no reports from the allotment committee, the Village Newsletter or the Church. Luis Ponte advised the chair that Openreach had stated that their objective is to have finished the Fibre to the Property project by October.

Mick Hedges submitted a brief report about the work of Elmer's charity and a village hall report was made by Phil Doran , village hall chair as follows:

- Principle Officers/Trustees
  - Chair: Phil Doran
  - Secretary: Vineet Manghani
  - Treasurer: Mary Vinakoti
- Officers roles
  - Vice Chair (*new role*): Pam King
  - Maintenance & Buildings Officer: Adrian Rawlings
  - Bookings Secretary: Joanne Murray
  - Social Chair: TBH - Mary Vinakoti( acting)
  - Communications (*new role*): Jen Brown
  - Church Representative: Pam King
  - Pump Chair: Gary White
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- Committee Members (Village)
- A decision was taken at the last AGM to increase the size of the NVHMC from 9 to 19 members to provide greater representation for the village. The non-officer, Committee members are:
  - Richard Evans                      Janet Phillips
  - Sarah Thirtle (*new*)                      Robert Meardon (*new*)
  - Ami Patyal (*new*)                      Christine Hickey (*new*)
  - Lisa Watkins (*new*)                      Nimisha Chotai (*new*)
  - Alice Spaul (*new*)

- Treasurer/Finance
  - Shelley Crack has stepped down from Treasurer role.
  - New Treasurer is Mary Vinakoti
  - Current financial status; £5,000 in the Current Account & £15,000 in the Savings Account.
  - New pricing structure/charges (first change in 6 years) April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022
  - New policies put in place to protect villager's contributions include:
    - Moving to online transactions only (as, where and when possible)
    - Move to three banking signatories: Chair, Secretary & Treasurer
  - All requested expenditure over £100 to be budgeted for
  - All expenditure under £100 to be approved by Chair/Treasurer prior to spend
  - Invoicing for Bookings/Hire to be done by Bookings Officer moving forward.
  - Some amazing support from Villagers in last few months in terms of fund-raising:
    - Pumps continue to be very popular and typically raise £300-£500 profit
    - Chairman's New Year appeal for funds from Village raised over £1500
    - Cakeaways and Cafes YTD have raised in excess of £1500– with a village contribution in excess of £1000 going to Ukraine Appeal
  
- Buildings and Maintenance
  - Adrian Rawlings and Robert Meardon have built a comprehensive report relating to the long-term and short-term requirements of the Village Hall. Main status from April Report:
    - Ongoing review and repairs of roof – including replacement of missing and cracked tiles as well as repair work to damp in kitchen ceiling
    - Ongoing review of damp patches on walls and further investigation work
    - New cooker (£300) and new Urn (£80) purchased.
    - New 'drawer's installed where low level cupboards were in island in kitchen. Making it easier access for older residents/users (thank you to Richard Evans)
    - New storage facility to be purchased for carpark (approx. £600) and new safety ladders for ceiling work (£100)
    - Outdoor plug/electricity point to be installed on outside of annex
    - Review of flooring to be completed – does it need treating?
    - General maintenance OK – rear windows to be re-painted
  
- Social Activities
  - Mary Vinakoti to stand down from Social Chair position. Position being advertised.
  - Main highlights:
    - Monthly Cake-aways. Hugely successful. Introduced a charity element. Amazing support from bakers – provide produce free of charge.
    - PACE Event – walking event arranged by Keith Hofgartner (£120 raised)
    - Village Clean UP (supporting NPC initiative).
    - Jubilee Celebrations – managed by Jen Brown – in association with Whaddon. Three events – Whaddon BBQ, Party on the Rec, Street Party.
    - Pumps: Continue to be hugely popular. Well organized and run by Gary White. Introducing themes – Nepalese, Braai, Fish & Chips, Pizza Night.
    - Lights: Lights were lit on Church for most of April in support of Ukraine (Desk Hickey – aka Des Lee Travis – on Three Counties Radio twice!!) Lights also lit for one night in support of NHS
    - Quarterly reviews/meetings with Whaddon VHC – first in April
    - Village Quiz and Safari Supper to return in June

There were no questions and the annual parish meeting ended at 7.35 p.m.

Mike Williams  
Parish Council Chair