

**MINUTES OF KILBURN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2023 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllrs D Hall, D Earnshaw, T Bailey, , K Parker, C Riley, E Hetherington, 4 Residents, S Matthews (Clerk),

1. **Apologies** – Cllr T Ainsworth
2. **Minutes of previous Annual Parish Meeting**

Agreed as a true record.

3. **Chairman's Report**

I would like to thank our Clerk and the Vice Chair for their help and guidance to the Chair and the Council over the last year.

Over the year we lost 2 Members of the Council, Megan Hill and Barbara Lambert. I would like to thank them for their work whilst serving on the Parish Council.

There are currently four vacancies on the Parish Council. However, there is an election imminent and hopefully we will have a full council following the election.

I would like to thank all the Councillor's for their support and duties over the past year.

Cllr's D Earnshaw & K Parker for supervising the parish warden.

Cllr's D Earnshaw & T Bailey for their work with the KCA.

Cllr D Earnshaw for his work on the Footpaths, SID, Christmas Lights and Defibrillators.

Cllr D Earnshaw and Wood Lane Garage for sponsoring the repair of the benches and the Garden Competition.

Cllr's C Riley and T Bailey for the working party on the nature reserve.

Cllr's T Bailey K Parker and Megan Hill for the work on Community Led Plan.

Cllr's K Parker T Bailey for the work on the Newsletter.

Cllr T Bailey for all the she has done on the update on distribution information for the Newsletter.

The Cllrs on the planning subcommittee, Parish (community) Plan and Finance Committee.

Thanks to the County Councillor Trevor Ainsworth for attending meetings.

Thanks to Amber Valley Borough Councillor Trevor Ainsworth for attending the Village Hall, reporting and taking matters back to Borough & County Council's.

Following the retirement of Mark Johnson a new Parish Warden was appointed; Darren Belfield.

Darren is carrying out less hours and consequently this has meant that we have been able to reduce the budget and in turn the Precept for the year 2023/24.

Darren is proving to be a real asset to the parish and we thank him for all his hard work in keeping Kilburn tidy.

4. **Successes**

The Parish Council continues to fund "poop" bags. However, some dog owners are abusing the supply of these bags by taking so many at one time leaving none for other dog owners.

With regard to the nature reserve. The work done so far is to make the nature reserve more accessible for anybody from within the village or surrounding areas. Some of the footpaths are now complete and the nature reserve is open to the public. However, there are notices displayed asking those visiting the reserve to avoid certain areas. The work at the nature reserve is ongoing and further funding is being sought. Before we submit a further bid for lottery funding it is necessary to gain confirmation of community involvement. A working party has been organised for 15th May and we appreciate that a number of residents have put their names forward to assist with the 'tidy up'. An additional date for the working party has been set for 20th May.

The Council again organised the erection of hanging baskets on the lampposts and filling up the ground planters around the village.

5. **Events**

The Garden Competition was a great success. The final judging took place by the Mayor of Amber Valley Borough Council with winners attending our September meeting in order to collect their prizes.

For Remembrance Day – we were able to return to ‘normal’ following covid restrictions. Members of the Council, residents and the scouts, guides, brownies & beavers went on parade to the War Memorial – led by Newstead Brass Band. A service followed in the Baptist Church.

The Christmas tree was positioned adjacent to the War Memorial. However, this meant that the Carol Service and the ‘light switch on’ by the Mayor of Amber Valley could not operate as previous years.

Due to other events in the village the carol service was re-located to the Baptist Church on an alternative day. The Carol Service was a success, however, it was disappointing that very few children were in attendance.

6. **Accounts**

The Clerk presented the audited accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022 and the unaudited accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023.

A budget for the year 2023/24 had been set in the sum of £89892 with a Precept of £56000 with the shortfall being met from reserves.

7. **AOB**

None