

MINUTES OF KILBURN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11TH APRIL 2022 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs D Hall, D Earnshaw, T Bailey, B Lambert, K Parker, M Hill, T Ainsworth (DCC/AVBC Councillor), 2 Residents, S Matthews (Clerk),

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs Hetherington, Riley
2. **Minutes of previous Annual Parish Meeting**

Agreed as a true record.

3. **Chairman's Report**

Once again, the year started with the pandemic still with us. At the beginning of the year the meetings were held via zoom, however, despite making representations to Government the law for holding zoom meetings was not extended and we returned to face to face meetings in June. It was good to return to face to face meetings, however, strict guidelines were adhered to with regard to social distancing and consequently numbers in the village hall were restricted. I am pleased to report that at the time of writing face to face meetings are being held as 'normal'.

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 4 Members of the Council, P Rowley, D Beadell, D Warren & K McDonald and I would like to thank them for their work whilst serving on the Parish Council.

We welcome Megan Hill as a Member. Megan alongside her Mother are working on the 'Walking through Time' project. It is not an easy project but we look forward to seeing QR codes around the village and learning the history of the locations.

There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council.

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

Cllrs D Earnshaw & K Parker for supervising the parish warden.

Cllrs D Earnshaw & T Bailey for their work with the KCA.

Cllr D Earnshaw for his work on the Footpaths.

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

Cllr C Riley and the working party on the nature reserve.

The Cllrs on the planning subcommittee, Parish (community) plan and finance committee.

Thanks to the County Councillor Trevor Ainsworth for attending meetings and reporting on zoom.

Thanks to Amber Valley Borough Councillor Trevor Ainsworth for attending (via zoom) and Village Hall, reporting and taking matters back to Borough & County Councils. Thanks also for donating £1000 from the Members' Community Leadership Scheme which will be used towards the Nature Reserve.

Finally, thanks to the parish warden for tidying up the mess around the village and keeping it clean.

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.

On one occasion a dog owner was caught on camera allowing his dog to foul and not clearing up – the matter was reported to Amber Valley BC and appropriate action taken.

Following a bid by the Parish Council to Derbyshire Environmental Trust it was successful in obtaining a grant for £15000 towards the upgrading of the nature reserve at Rawson Green. The

fundamentals of this work are 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 a further application for funding has recently been submitted. Should our bid be successful it will enable the completion of the work.

The Council has funded a tree survey at the nature reserve. The necessary work which was identified has been carried out by Langley Landscaping Services.

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

Events

The Garden Competition was a great success with winners attending our September meeting in order to collect their prizes.

For Remembrance Day – we were able to parade to the War Memorial – led by Newstead Brass Band. However, the service at the Baptist Chapel could not be held due to the ongoing pandemic. Members of the Council and a number of dignitaries were able to lay wreaths whilst observing Government guidelines and social distancing.

It was necessary to find an alternative location for the Christmas tree this year – consequently the tree was positioned near 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 usual. The Council are looking into ways of holding a community carol service for 2022.

4. Accounts

The Clerk presented the audited accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021 and the unaudited accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022.

A budget for the year 2022/23 had been set in the sum of £75841 with a Precept of £56000 with the shortfall being met from reserves.

5. AOB

None