

MINUTES OF KILBURN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th April 2024 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs D Hall, T Bailey, C Riley, S Fox, S Turner, L Farnsworth, A Morgan, T Ainsworth (DCC/AVBC Cllr), J Whitmore (AVBC Cllr) 1 Resident, S Matthews (Clerk),

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs D Earnshaw, K Parker
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.

Congratulations to the Clerk for winning the Clerk of Year 2023 from DALC

Following the election in May 2023 – 8 Members were automatically elected to become Members of the Parish Council. Mr Andy Morgan was co-opted as a Member of the Parish Council in November 2023 and he is already proving a great asset. There remains 1 vacancy.

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, K Parker 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 and K Parker for the work on Community Led Plan.

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

Cllr K Parker for Editing the Newsletter.

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

Cllr S Fox for managing and updating the web site.

The Cllrs on the planning subcommittee, Parish (community) plan, Personnel and Finance committees.

Thanks to the County Councillor Trevor Ainsworth for attending meetings.

Thanks to Amber Valley Borough Councillors Linsey Farnsworth, Trevor Ainsworth & Julie Whitmore for attending Parish Council meetings, reporting and taking matters back to Borough & County Council's.

Finally, thanks to the parish warden for tidying up the mess around the village and keeping it clean. There have been a number of controversial planning applications – despite objections; the planning application for White Barn, Horsley Rd was approved as was 128 Chapel St which is to operate as a Children's home. At the time of writing we are still awaiting a decision with regard to a change of use of the Methodist Church on Chapel St

The outcome of the responses to the Five Year Community Led Plan have been collated and the outcome recently published in the Newsletter. This will be ongoing and updated twice a year.

Successes

The Parish Council was successful in obtaining a grant of £6,000 to enable the purchase of 2 additional Speed Indicator Devices. (Although at the time of writing this Grant is still to be received).

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.

There is a continuing problem with irresponsible dog owners not clearing up after their pets. If evidence is received – this will be passed onto Amber Valley Borough Council who are authorised to implement substantial fines.

We are extremely grateful to the Community Volunteers who continue to work on the Nature Reserve. 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 bid is currently being prepared for lottery funding to enable additional work to proceed.

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

The weather conditions over the past few months have resulted in several areas flooding, namely Rawson Green and Derby Road. Derbyshire County Council are undergoing a survey on the affected areas.

Footpath 24 (known as Pitfield Footpath) continues to cause problems to the Parish Council. We have been working alongside Denby Parish Council in an attempt to rectify the issues of horses and motor bikes using the footpath causing a danger to pedestrians. At the time of writing we are waiting for Derbyshire County Council to issue the landowners notice that it is their responsibility to maintain the fence and stiles on the footpath.

Events

The Kilburn Community Day was a great success & a further Community Day will be held in 2024. The Parish Council is organising regular 'Community Litter Picks' and we thank everybody who has attended – making the village look clean and tidy.

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 followed by a Service at Baptist Chapel.

The Christmas tree was positioned near to the War Memorial. This is the 2nd year the Christmas tree has been put at this location which means the Mayor of Amber Valley could not 'switch on' the lights at our Annual Carol Service which is now held in the Baptist Church. The Carol Service was very well attended.

5. Accounts

The Clerk presented the audited accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023 and the unaudited accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024.

A budget for the year 2024/25 had been set in the sum of £102425 with a Precept of £53000 with the shortfall being met from reserves.

6. AOB

None