

TRAWDEN FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 17th May 2021

Meeting started 6.30pm

Present

Chairperson Barry Hodgson	Clerk Adele Waddington	Councillor Ruth Crompton
Councillor David Barritt	Councillor Clare Storey	Councillor Andrea Beswick
Councillor Beverley Robinson	Councillor Emma Jane MacDonald (attended via Zoom)	

Also in attendance

Borough Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price

To accept the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Council Meeting in May 2019

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of the 13th May 2019, were approved and signed correct.

Annual Chairman's Report

Chairperson Hodgson thanked the Clerk for her sterling work throughout the past year, especially during the pandemic. He thanked Cllr's D&C Storey for the commitment and improvements with the whole allotments site; to Cllr Robinson for her continued work with the Trawden in Bloom team; to Cllr Crompton for the time and effort she has put into the new role as School governor; to the Lengthsman for the great work he has done throughout the Parish, and the Cllr Cockburn-Price and CCllr Purcell for their continued support to the Parish Council over the past year.

Chairperson Hodgson hopes that the community acquisition of the Trawden Arms will be a success and will be a large part of the community cohesion we already see.

The Parish council gave some funding to the Bowling Club, and Chairperson Hodgson is hoping that this club will grow and more people will become aware of it and enjoy its facilities.

Properties are selling very well still within the village, as it is a highly desirable area to live.

Chairperson Hodgson feels that there is still a lack of support from Lancashire County Council, but they appear to be very good with their gritting routine throughout the winter months; for which they must be commended.

Chairperson Hodgson is also disappointed with the lack of Police response to the crimes reported, and especially to the lack of progress with the anti-social behaviour issues that have increased since Summer 2020.

Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Cockburn-Price feels that Lancashire County Council need to be held to account for the lack of provision provided to the rural areas of Pendle. When the Conservatives took power of the County Council, it inherited a £200m debt; this has now been all but wiped out. There is a commitment to spend £17m on roads over the next year, and Cllr Cockburn-Price feels that we should get our fair share of this, as we are seen as a 'back-water'.

Cllr Cockburn-Price reported that the Police numbers have increased and they are going around door-to-door to give out their details so residents are aware of who to contact. The Police need to keep their focus on the residents' concerns.

Cllr Cockburn-Price stated that she had enjoyed working with the Parish Council, and feels that we continue with our good relationship.

School Governors Report

Cllr Crompton has attended many meetings as the new Governor and has been seconded onto the curriculum team. She has attended a course for this and feels that great links have been formed with the school and the Parish Council. The funding that the Parish Council gave towards new Forest School equipment has helped them enormously and improved their wonderful outdoor facility.

Cllr Robinson has also been involved with a Year 6 gardening project, and she was impressed with the way that the children had worked together and were always on task.

The School are concerned about the proposed building on the site at the bottom of Dean Street, and Cllr Crompton and the Clerk have been involved in discussions with school regarding a walking bus option, and additional parking area at the top of Dean Street. Cllr Cockburn-Price feels that Year 6 children should be advised about the new Colne Youth Action Group so that they have something to look forward to when they are a little older.

Meeting Closed 6.55pm