

Sutton-on-Trent Parish Council
Notes from the Annual Parish Meeting on 16th May 2023
at the Methodist Community Centre at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor S Hadley
Councillor P Hibberd (Chair)
Councillor J Keeton
Councillor Mrs K Walker

Members of the Public: 4 members of the public

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted Councillor Marshall and County Councillor Laughton

2 Minutes of the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th May 2022 were received and noted.

3 Chairman's Report 2022/23

A copy of the Chairman's Report is attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes.

4 Other Reports

i) District Councillor

CLlr Mrs Michael provided the following written report:

Thanks were extended to everyone who had nominated themselves to serve on the Parish Council for the next 4 years.

Councillor Mrs Michael had retained her seat on the District Council, but there had been a lot of changes which would result in a change of administration.

Following the celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee in June, the country sadly lost Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in September. The District Council had supported Parish Council's with funding for the Platinum Jubilee, and would also be making funding available for Coronation Celebrations.

As a result of the Resident's Survey undertaken, a kerbside collection of glass would be introduced. The cost of the service would be met by the District Council. Collection would be on an 8 week cycle, with 140 litre bins for households.

The Safer Neighbourhood Group continued to meet to enable rural parishes to raise concerns direct to the Police. One of the main concerns was speeding through the villages

The flood alleviation scheme was gradually moving forward.

The District Council had made funds available through the Community Grants Funding Scheme. The PTA had been supported under this scheme.

The District Council were producing a strategy to try and combat the climate change emergency. One initiative was to change vehicles used in the parks and gardens to electric from petrol. The District Council had an aim to plant 10,000 trees within the next 5 years.

The District Council were in the top 10 of Councils for the way in which they dealt with the pandemic. £50m in grant support had been paid out through the District Council. Extra duties had been taken up by District Council staff and flexible working had been introduced.

A Public Protection Team had been created that would be tackling anti-social behaviour in villages.

ii) Village Groups

Library Support Group

Cllr Walker reported that the library continued to be in the Methodist Hall and is run by a team of volunteers.

A book club had now started on the first Friday of the month. A cookies and milk club had also started to encourage children to visit the library. Visits from the School were now taking place.

A sum of £745.74 had been received during the year which had been placed in to earmarked reserves for the library in the Parish Council's accounts.

Sports Club

Arron Smith updated on the work undertaken at the Sports Club over the last year. The Club had had a good year, with four weekly exercise classes now being held. The Football Club men's team were now entering their 53rd season. The club had also hosted family sports events, that will start again soon, and fundraising bingo nights. The Platinum Jubilee event had been a huge success. Private party bookings continue to be good.

The charity had adopted a strategic plan to outline how the club will move forward, running alongside the redevelopment plans.

Fundraising for phase 2 was now complete, with work expected to start in the next few weeks. More volunteers would be welcome, particularly a treasurer and to help maintain the current activities.

Thanks were extended to the Parish Council for their support over the year.

iv) Any Other Reports

None to report

5 Any Other Matters Relating to the Parish

There were none.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.28pm

Signed _____

Date _____