

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MONDAY 10 MAY 2021

Minutes from the last meeting 13 May 2019.

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Chairman's Report

What a Year!

Whilst disrupted by the events and issues of the last year the Parish Council has continued to work hard on behalf of the residents of Wheelton, meeting physically when possible, virtually when not, but always in communication to ensure we are able to resolve local issues and respond to residents' requirements.

This year the Council has been investigating funding for our annual oruirutues, which this year is to gain significant investment to upgrade the village play area and replace some of the rotting wooden play equipment, which we hope to have confirmed in the coming months.

A key challenge for all who reside in Wheelton this year has been the influx of visitors, walking, meeting up, having takeaways, etc. This again highlights that we live in such a beautiful village, but has brought with it issues of litter, dog fouling, parking and churning up of the canal footpath. We have had new larger bins installed, and temporary ones are on the way for summer to ensure we keep our village as clean as possible.

Parish Council representatives have continued identifying issues with highways, boundary walls, blocked gulleys and reporting these to the relevant agencies. The Chairman would like to express his gratitude to all the fellow Councillors for their time and hard work representing the community, and all the volunteers and sponsors (such as those who generously funded the replacement of trees in the War Memorial following some widespread disease) that make our village such a good place to live and visit.

Financial Report

A copy of the statement of accounts for 2020/21 had been circulated. The members discussed and accepted the financial statement with the Chairman thanking the Clerk for a concise and timely presentation of Parish accounts.

Village Priorities

The members agreed that:

- Residents' safety should continue to be considered a primary objective to be targeted during the next year, including requesting a 20 mile an hour limit on Victoria Street and Car Parking for Businesses.
- Replacement Play Equipment for the Recreation Ground.

- Signage for local businesses to support them and encourage business.

There was no other business and the Chairman thanked everyone and declared the meeting closed.

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

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