

HARESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY 2022 at 7.30pm.

The Annual Parish meeting was held at the Church Hall with welcomed residents to enjoy some refreshments.

Present: Cllrs. Mike Hyett, Kath Pritchard, Caroline Ractliffe (Chair) and Paul Richards. County Councillor Susan Williams and Mrs Sheila Murray (Clerk)

There were three members of the public present.

1. Cllr Ractliffe welcomed the residents and introduced the Councillors and Clerk.
2. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Dafydd Lawday and District Cllr Mossman.
3. The Minutes of the 2020/21 Annual Meeting held on 26th May 2021 were approved and signed by Cllr Ractliffe on behalf of the Council.
4. Cllr Ractliffe gave the Annual Report. Firstly, she extended her thanks and gratitude on behalf of the Council to Mr Andy Buckmaster for his hard work and dedication to Village matters and wished him a speedy recovery.

She outlined the projects managed by the Council for the year:

- Purchase and installation of a Defibrillator unit.
- Clearance of the main ditches to reduce flooding and to enhance the Village appearance.
- Council secured a 50/50 grant with GCC for the laying of a new layby at the Pound of Candles.
- Organised new signage for "Brook Lane"
- Upgraded three Grit Bins and introduced a programme to continue to replace the old "blue" type.
- Gave donations to local causes SW Air Ambulance Services, Longfield Hospice and the Cotswold Warden Scheme.

She thanked the Clerk for her knowledge and help during the year.

5. The Ladies Social Group gave an update on the forthcoming arrangements for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Presented by Cllr Pritchard she gave an outline of the proposed events:

Sunday June 5th 2022

Commencing with a Church Service followed by a Village Photograph, a toast to the Queen and a BBQ.

Additionally, Medals of commemoration will be gifted to the children of the village who are under 18 year olds.

As a collective Village commemoration there will be a planting of trees.

She confirmed funds have been raised for the celebrations from the Voices Magazine and the Parish Council. She expressed her gratitude to all the villagers who have responded to help with the BBQ food, flowers for the Church, commemorative decorations and music. Arrangements for tree planting are still to be finalised.

Cllr Ractliffe thanked Cllr Pritchard for the update.

6. District Councillors Report – Cllr David Mossman was unable to join the meeting but County Councillor Sue Williams was welcomed by Cllr Ractliffe.

7. Questions and comments from Parishioners

Residents gave the following comments:

- In appreciation of an individual's efforts to the Community would consideration be given to recognise this. The Parish Council will consider this at their next meeting.
- Would the Parish Council consider providing assistance to clear the drain tops to avoid surface water flooding. The Parish Council were in agreement and will organise this under their Village Maintenance budget.
- Would the Parish Council confirm when the Verge cutting is scheduled to be done. Cllr Ractliffe will advise.

Cllr Ractliffe thanked everyone for their input and closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm