

Minutes for Annual Parish Meeting held Thursday 20th May 2021.

Present: Derek Finnis (Chair), Jane Ranaboldo, Tim Bonallack, Enid Alston, Martin Sturgeon.

Also Present: Jay McGowan (Clerk), Councillor Richard Clewer plus 6 members of the public.

Apologies for Absence: Caroline Heaven, John Smart

Agenda

*To note as Councillor Clewer was still en route from another meeting and had not yet arrived, therefore the public session would be held before his report.

1. Welcome and Introduction by Councillor Derek Finnis – Chairman.

Councillors and clerk briefly introduced themselves and their role on the Parish Council.

Councillor Finnis started the meeting by thanking the volunteers and all their efforts helping the vulnerable and assisting with the Reeves bread delivery during the lockdown last year.

He also thanked Victoria Sturgeon, Jane Ranaboldo and Jay McGowan for putting together a thorough and rapid response to the Wiltshire Council Local Review Plan Consultations.

The Parish Council would like to thank Jane Ranaboldo for preparing the hall for the return of face-to-face meetings.

The Parish Council would also like to thank Mr Hitchings for his continued efforts in picking the litter blown onto the pavements and trying to keep Britford litter free.

Lastly, he thanked Councillors Heaven and Smart, who have decided to retire from the Parish Council – their hard work and vast knowledge has been appreciated by both the Parish Council and Britford village.

2. Public Session.

- a. Mr D. Moulard: Would like to know who is responsible for grass cutting and keeping The Green area tidy.

This will be brought to the attention of the Parish Steward when he next visits Britford. **Action: The Clerk will advise Cllr Bonallack when the next visit is due.**

- b. Mr D Moulard: It has been noted across The Navigation a tree which has fallen across the bank and hindering the water flow – who is responsible for clearing this.

This is the landowner's responsibility and hopefully will be cleared during the summer months.

- c. Mrs Dodd: Litter has become an issue in Britford and is on the increase. The car park area of Britford Memorial and Community Hall has had a vast increase in volume of litter being left.

Action: The Parish Council will ask the Parish Steward to keep a check on this.

3. To receive a report from Councillor Richard Clewer – Downton and Ebble Valley.

Councillor Clewer gave a summary of Wiltshire Council plans for the coming future. The focus is High Streets and getting people back into the City Centre. Several events have been planned to encourage both residents and visitors back into the centre of Salisbury. Also, the needs of the A36 and a by-pass will be looked at and how congestion issues will be addressed. Later in the year, because of the Wiltshire Council Local Plan Review Consultations developments will be looked at again.

4. Close.

The meeting was closed at 7.15pm