

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY MARCH 2ND 2023 AT 6.30PM IN THE MARKET WALK MEETING ROOM, DRIFFIELD.

Present: Cllrs G Lucas, F Smith, M Blakeston, G Helliwell, P Stocker, M Garrard, A Coleman, T Watson, A Newall, Clerks C Binnington and M Brown

The Chairman gave instructions as to how to leave the building in the event of an emergency.

APM/01/23 Apologies for Absence:

P Rounding, S Starrett

APM/02/23 Report by the Town Mayor, Cllr Mark Blakeston on the work of the council during the last year & of the last four overall

Enclosed.

APM/03/23 Committee Reports:

(a) **Planning.** Councillor G Lucas circulated a written report.

(b) **Allotments.** Councillor G Helliwell circulated a written report.

Rats have proven to be an issue. Members of the tidy team will be taking a rodent control course. All plots are currently well utilised. The allotments now have a dedicated water meter fitted.

(c) **CCTV.** Councillor M Garrard circulated a written report.

No issues. Funding for the camera at St Margarets was a big bonus. The Chairman gave thanks to the local Police, especially Steve Sharp.

(d) **Property & Assets:** Councillor F Smith circulated a written report.

Cass Hall - New blinds have been fitted and thanks were given to MKM for the donation of a new hob. The rising damp is being attended to by the installation of a vapour barrier. Thanks were given to Fiona Turner for her assistance with sourcing the funding. Depot – The new fork truck is proving its worth already. Thanks were also given to the tidy team for the ongoing support.

(e) **Environment:** Councillor A Coleman circulated a written report.

Thanks were again passed to the tidy team. The council were pleased to see the new bus shelters being installed but would appreciate an improved bus service.

(f) **Events:** C Binnington circulated a written report.

(g) **Market:** C Binnington circulated a written report

G Helliwell was thanked for her support. It was noted that it was a shame that Little Bird markets decided to pull out of future events.

APM/04/23 Other Reports:

Cllr Mark Blakeston informed the attendees of his illness

APM/05/23

Questions and Comments by Parishioners:

None attended

The meeting closed at 7.00pm.

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