

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Earls Croome Village Hall on Tuesday 25th May, 2021.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Mark Smith (Vice Chairman of Parish Council), Dave Bevan, Reverend Jane Fraiser and the Police

Those Present: Jonathan Prior (Chairman of Parish Council), Penny Green (Member of Parish Council), Charlotte Bloomfield (Member of Parish Council), Robin Tomkins (Member of Parish Council), Margaret Herbert (Member of Parish Council), Malcolm Tomkins (Tree Warden), Andy Milward (Parish Lengthsman), Bill Ball, Ann Smith, County Councillor Martin Allen, District Councillor Jeremy Owenson and the Clerk.

Welcome by Earls Croome parish Council Chairman: Jonathan welcomed Members of the Public and introduced the newly elected County Councillor Martin Allen.

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2019 were read by the Clerk, unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman. There were no outstanding matters arising.

Report from County Councillor Martin Allen: Martin introduced himself to those present, explaining he was newly elected but was an Upton District Councillor and a Kempsey Parish Councillor but was new to the County Council role. Martin paid tribute to his predecessor Paul Middlebrough. Martin explained that following the recent elections there were 31 new County Councillors with no previous County Council experience.

Report from District Councillor Jeremy Owenson:

Jeremy gave a summary of the planning issues surrounding the temporary travellers site at Baughton.

Jeremy updated members as to the enforcement progress at Baughton Stud, the appeal decision was due on 31st May 2021.

Police Report: The chairman advised that there wasn't currently a PCSO for the area and that Upton Police Station had been unable to send a representative. The Chairman asked if there were any specific queries for the Police, there were none. The Chairman asked the clerk to request the annual crime report.

St. Nicholas Church: Margret Herbert representing the Church. The PCC thanked the Parish Council and residents for their ongoing support. The PCC had at least 20 children attend the easter egg hunt.

The PCC has received a substantial bequeathment from Ruth Brown's estate to the 'Tower Fund' this is the fund for larger required work, there has also been an anonymous donation towards the required windows work – The PCC are very grateful for these generous donations.

There is an investigation underway into expansion of the Churchyard.

The PCC thank Malcolm & Andy for their work at the keeping the Churchyard neat and tidy and are entering a competition for best kept Churchyard.

Residents Forum:

Malcolm asked if the picture gallery on the Parish Council website could be populated with pictures of the beautiful area. The Chairman advised those present that pictures could be sent to the Clerk to upload to the website. Margaret said that the wildflowers on Dunstall Common were at their prettiest at this time of year and are predominantly buttercups and orchids.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.40p.m. The next Annual Parish Meeting will be at a similar time next year to coincide with the A.G.M Parish Council.

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