

# Fiskerton-cum-Morton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Present: Cllrs A. Price, H. Gibbins, L. Moakes, S Holloway, C. Hallam. Also B. Powell (clerk). Six members of the public.**

**Councillor Price welcomed everyone to the meeting at 19.00.**

- 1. Apologies** – Apologies were received from Cllr. Powell.
- 2. Minutes** – none were available.
- 3. Matters arising** - none.
- 4. Chairpersons report** – Cllr. Price presented the annual report, a full copy of which is available on the website at [www.fiskertoncummorton.co.uk](http://www.fiskertoncummorton.co.uk). Areas covered in the report are the website, planning matters, footpaths, village maintenance, signs, dog bins, village events, defibrillators, Friends of the Green, speeding, finances, poppies, newsletters, train crossings and plans for the forthcoming year.
- 5. Questions from the public** – There were several consecutive questions from the members of the public present concerning the Village Green.

These questions focussed on the condition and upkeep of the Green and of the ongoing costs and responsibilities.

In particular, a question was raised about the amount of £80,000 given by Bloor Homes 20 years ago for ongoing upkeep. It was believed that in 2021 there was an amount of £42,000 of “ringfenced” funds remaining. Furthermore, there was an observation that the current maintenance regime was inadequate.

*In reply, the Chair advised that the annual financial statements for the current year were being produced, and that previous years had been scrutinised and audited. There had already this year been an attempt to identify alternative contractors, which was proving challenging, and a meeting had already been held with the incumbent to discuss a) potential improvements to the regime, b) related costs and c) a programme to bring the overall condition of the green up to a standard. The Clerk was instructed to undertake an exercise to validate the “Bloor money” and to produce a report accordingly. The Chair re-iterated that maintenance of the parish (including the Green) was a priority, and that the increase in the Precept reflected the appreciation of the tasks facing the Parish.*

The meeting was closed at 19.50.