

Whitchurch Parish Council

Clerk to the Council – Mr Tony Skeggs

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the St Johns Hall

On Monday 13 May 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs C Lincoln (Chair), P Alderman, R Grimes, M Palin, M Perry, and C Thomas.

Public Attendance: Fifteen members of the public.

Buckinghamshire Council Cllrs D Blamires and A Bond.

Clerk: A Skeggs

Absent: None

24/01	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Ford.
24/02	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">The chair thanked all councillors highlighted that they were all volunteers.She then read a statement in relation to Hardwick PC councillor, Amanda Tofield, who died suddenly at the end of April, who had been involved in numerous local activities.
24/03	The following presentations were received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>WCCA</u> (Whitchurch & Creslow Community Association). Guy Bond reported on the how WCCA had been established for the Queen's Silver Jubilee and since then it had been involved with many May Day and Firework events. Both events no longer took place due to "Red Tape". There was nothing else planned except a meeting to propose winding up the association.<u>Toddler Group</u>. Emma Foulger reported on the toddler group meeting and the monthly pop-up coffee mornings. She was looking into forming a youth club soon.<u>Neighbourhood Watch / Winslow Rotary</u>. Neil Smith explained the work of the team, of a which there were ten. They were looking for more residents to join. Its aim was to encourage neighborliness, promote safety and respond to residents' queries. The Rotary Club meet each week in Winslow. It's there to help people, three members are from Whitchurch. "Lend a Hand" week was where small tasks around the home and garden could be done for residents. They had helped WWEG with a grant to provide sensory garden at the school and lent the Santa sleigh to the school.<u>WI</u> (Women's Institute). Barbara Betts reported on the work of the WI. They met monthly on the first Tuesday of the month and they support local events whenever they can – Flowers at the Church for the Platinum. They celebrated their centenary in October 2023. They have interested talks and participate at the Bucks County Show and are part of the local emergency support team with Buckinghamshire Council.<u>WWEG</u> (Whitchurch Wildlife Environmental Group).

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	<p>Caroline Heron reported that the aim of the group was to improve the village for wildlife, boost residents' mental health, create and maintain wildflower areas, plant trees and maintain ponds. It had 67 members on Facebook, but more were needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Whitchurch School.</u> Rachel Mobbs (HT) and members of the PTA explained that 2024 would see the 50th birthday of the current school. It was hoped to celebrate this with past members / teachers enjoying an Open Afternoon on the 13th of September followed by a festival event in the evening with music and dancing. It would be a ticketed event. Volunteers were needed. The school was gathering information for a time capsule. The existing capsule was to be opened in May. There would be a competition to design a logo with the winning logo going on a commemorative bag. Parking was a continuing problem. Newsletters, emails, talks to parents, PCOSOs and travel plans had all been tried. A Parking Pledge for the families to sign up for. Parking buddies positioned outside the school to highlight bad parking. Six buddies would cost £1,000. • <u>Buckinghamshire Council.</u> Cllr Bond informed the meeting that Buckinghamshire Council were trialling dashcam footage to catch drivers throwing rubbish from vehicles. 132,000 trees had been planted around Wing to develop a wooded area. More money had been allocated to the pothole budget following the wet winter. A cycle path from Buckingham Park to Weedon Hill was still under consideration. Buckinghamshire Council had an Energy Doctor scheme where they would inspect your property and suggest energy saving tips. • The Chair thanked all the community groups for sharing all what they had achieved over the last year and wished them success in the new year.
23/04	<p>Thank You A resident thanked all the parish councillors for their work over the last year.</p>
23/05	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting: The date of the next meeting would be on Monday 12th May 2025 starting @ 7.30pm.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Chair's Signature Date.....