

# Whitchurch Parish Council

Clerk to the Council – Mr Tony Skeggs

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

On Monday 15 May 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs C Lincoln (Chair), P Alderman, S Ford, V James-Friday, M Palin, and M Perry.

Public Attendance: Twelve members of the public.

Buckinghamshire Council Cllr D Blamires.

Clerk: A Skeggs

Absent: None

23/01	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Thomas.</p>
23/02	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The chair thanked all councillors highlighted that they were all volunteers.</li><li>• She then outlined the format of the meeting which would see presentations from several community groups.</li></ul>
23/03	<p><b>The following presentations were received:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>WCCA</u> (Whitchurch &amp; Creslow Community Association). Caroline Heron reported on the Platinum Jubilee event. WCCA would not be organising a May Day event and there would be no fireworks display. There was nothing else currently planned as it was getting difficult to get participation in social events.</li><li>• <u>Neighbourhood Watch</u>. Margaret Palin explained the work of the team, of a which there were eight. Residents were encouraged to report suspicious behaviour. It had been a quiet and reasonably crime free year. There had a been a successful NW meeting concentrating on cyber hacking.</li><li>• <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. A current campaign in 2023 was Clean Water in rivers. She concluded by saying that 2023 would be the centenary for the Whitchurch WI and that an event to mark this was being planned.</li><li>• <u>WWEG</u> (Whitchurch Wildlife Environmental Group). Caroline Heron reported that there were 64 active members on Facebook, but more were needed. The aim of the group was to provide areas in the village for wildlife. Funding had been received from the Community Board for signage and tools, but more funding was required to educate and peoples mental health. Residents were encouraged to increase habitats within their gardens.</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Whitchurch Morris Dancers.</u> 2023 was their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They rehearse in Wilstone and only have one member who resides in Whitchurch. They continue to take bookings that cover a range of different events.</li> <li>• <u>1<sup>st</sup> Granborough Scout Group.</u> Wendy Towler explained that the Beavers &amp; Cubs met on a Tuesday in North Marston with the Scouts every Wednesday. Charities are invited to talk to the children about their work. Activities undertaken range from the traditional raft building, first aid, hiking to more modern activities such as preparing sushi and learning about the solar system. She thanked all who had made donations to them over the year.</li> <li>• <u>Buckinghamshire Council.</u> Cllr Blamires informed the meeting that Buckinghamshire Council now had a new Highways contractor and a new pothole filling machine. Residents were encouraged to use fixmystreet where it should receive an answer within 10 days. There would be a different approach from the new contractor as to how things get done.</li> <li>• The Chair thanked all the community groups for their work over the last year and wished them success in the new year.</li> </ul>
23/04	<p><b>Thank You</b> A resident thanked all the parish councillors for their work over the last year.</p>
23/05	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</b> The date of the next meeting would be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 starting @ 7.30pm.</p>

**The meeting closed at 7.54 pm.**

Chair's Signature ..... Date.....