# Minutes of Catthorpe Village Meeting

# held at 7pm on 6th December 2022 at Cherry Tree Pub

There were 20 villagers present at the meeting. Quintin opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance and outlined the agenda .

1. Election of Chair and Secretary (until May 2023)
2. Date of next meeting; the AGM on 24 May 2023 and a Village Meeting in November 2023
3. Approve finances for 2021/22
4. Ideas for investing in Catthorpe
5. Social Events
6. A.O.B
7. **Election of Chair and Secretary**

There were no other nominations for the posts of Chair and Secretary so it was agreed for Quintin Heath (Chair) and Jacqui Day ( Secretary ) to continue in their respective posts to the AGM. Following Quintin’s suggestion it was agreed to move the AGM be moved to around May, as this would allow for the village to approve the annual accounts in a timely manner.

1. **Breakdown of Finances**

Quintin provided a summary of the current financial position, which was approved.

In the financial year 2021/22, the Village had:

Starting balance of £1,676

Income:                                            £1,226 from Lilibourne Windfarm

Expenditure                                     £976 Spent on Summer Party (809), bulbs, fireworks (305)

Leaving a balance of                       £1,926

This year (2022/23) so far we have:

Income to date                                 £nil

Expenditure:                                     £1,455 spent on the Jubilee Party (882), Bonfire night (296),

 defib (137), hanging baskets (140)

Expected Income                             £1,399 from Lilbourne windfarm (in January 2022)

Leaving a balance of                        **£1,889**

Catthrope’s share of the Eight Parishes fund (Swinford Windfarm) now stands at £12,005.

1. **Ideas for Investing in the Village (using the Eight Parishes Fund)**

Tree and plaque for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

* There was a discussion on planting a tree for the Queen’s Jubilee, and it was agreed that we would come up with a plan and discuss with any villagers that may be affected, including those that would overlook the site.

Improvement to the railway footpath steps and stiles

* It was reported by Quintin that this work has been undertaken by the County Council on one side of the former railway. Quintin will report the other side as well

Other ideas we have previously discussed, included here for completeness

* Water supply for the allotment
* Upkeep and maintenance of grassed area bordering the Lilbourne Lane (the Scheme)
* Bins for the disposal of dog excrement. Action: Braze volunteered to investigate further
* Repair of the Church Organ
* Additional speed camera in the Village

1. **Future Social Events**

The events we have held over the last year (Bonfire night and Jubilee Party) were good successes and gave people the opportunity to come together – thank you to those that helped arrange them.

John Holden volunteered to lead the organising of a party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III

There was a suggestion of holding a mid-summer event, whether this is to be organised was postponed to the May Village Meeting

It was noted that in planning future events we should consider how we can allow the Village funds to go further, for example asking people to bring or purchase their own alcohol.

1. **Fly tipping**

Over the last year the area under the motorway bridge on Shawell Lane has unfortunately been a popular area for fly tipping. These have been reported and then followed up with the Council, and generally resolved in a timely manner.

Anyone can report fly- tipping on the Harborough Council website, search online or go to https://www.harborough.gov.uk/forms/form/227/en/report\_fly-tipping

1. **Close and next meeting**

Quintin thanked everyone for attending the meeting and Cherry Tree for hosting. The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 24th May at 7pm in the Cherry Tree.

COMMUNICATION

Day to day basis, communications are circulated via WhatsApp and the Village Facebook page. As not everyone in the village had access to these groups, the minutes from this meeting will be made available either through the newsletter, on the notice board outside the church and on the Village website [www.Catthorpe.org](http://www.Catthorpe.org)

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