

Summary of Parish Council Annual General Meeting held at Sulgrave Village Church Hall on Thursday 4th May 2023

The Chairman, **Cllr Richard Fonge**, welcomed all to the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council, including six villagers and Unitary **Cllr Alison Eastwood**.

Cllr Fonge was elected Chairman for the coming year and **Cllr Priestman** Vice Chair.

Apologies were received from **Cll Sara Staples** and **Cllr W. Priestman**. **Colin Wootton** and **Martin Sirrot-Smith**.

West Northants Council.

W.N. Cllr Eastwood reported that the Council was having a difficulty in balancing its budget. The Green Waste Permit had to go up as an example of how to achieve that. Pot holes are an ongoing problem, with extra central funding coming on stream.

Potential truck stop at Syresham now unlikely. Planning department nearly back to full complement after staff shortages.

No of West Northants councillors under boundary changes to be reduced from 96 to 77. **Cllr Eastwood** would then be representing nineteen villages rather than the current 14.

Sulgrave Manor.

The Chair and **Cllr Priestman** had written to the C.E.O of the Manor expressing the views of many villagers that the £5 admin charge for a pass plus the need to show identification was unnecessary and asked for them to re consider. The reply was that it was in line with other country houses and therefore would stand.

Pocket Park.

Agreed to write to Sulgrave Charities to fund replacement equipment.

Coronation of King Charles III.

Plans all in place. Sponsorship exceeded expectations. We all hope for a good day.

Speeding.

A concern had been expressed by a villager at the speed of delivery vans in Park Lane and the danger to pedestrians. The Chairman had put a 20 M.P.H sign up. Concern raised by all councillors at traffic speed in general through Sulgrave. Agreed to put a cardboard cut out policeman in place.

Village Shop Survey.

Cllr Powell reported that it would be drawn in in ten days, with the results given to the shop and then published after next P.C meeting.

Document Storage.

The purchase of a container for the storage of Parish Council, Village Shop and Village Church Hall records is being looked into. Action to be taken once P.C.C. have sought permission from diocese.

Faulty Street Light in Helmdon Rd.

To be reported to relevant electrician to correct.

Grass Cutting.

Cllr Higginson reported. After a difficult wet April, the contractor had done an excellent job ready for Coronation weekend.

Meeting Closed at 8.35.

Richard Fonge. Chairman.