

Summary of Parish Council Annual General Meeting held at the Village Hall on Thursday 9th May 2024

Preceding the monthly meeting had been the Annual Parish Meeting. The Council would like to thank all who had reported on their different organisations. The meeting had been one of the best reported and informative for sometime.

Apologies for Absence

Cllr Will Priestman.

Elections

Cllr Richard Fonge elected Parish Council Chairman for the forthcoming year, with **Cllr Will Priestman** as Vice Chairman.

Richard, on his re election, thanked his fellow councillors for their support. He then announced the resignation of **Cllr Neil Higginson** for personal reasons and thanked him for the six years he had been on the Parish Council, with particular reference to the excellent job he had done in being responsible for the grass mowing contract.

High Speed Rail (HS2).

Cllr Staples reported that Simon Davies, our local engagement officer, was leaving shortly and she would be liaising in future with his replacement.

The local HS2 contractors would be working longer hours, starting at 6.00 am, but there would be no Sunday work.

The B4525 would be closed sometime in the near future for the tunnel excavation. Further details to follow.

Flagpole.

The flagpole not being visible in its current churchyard location, it was agreed to apply to West Northants Council for planning permission to re-site it by the Bus Shelter, opposite the Village Shop.

Pocket Park.

Cllr Staples to apply to HS2 for £5000 match funding for new equipment in Pocket Park. This was taking up an offer from the meeting between councillors and the HS2 senior engagement officer.

Summer Fete.

The Chairman reported that the organising committee had everything in hand for the Summer Fete to be held on Saturday June 8th. Castle Green site to be marked out for all events. The evening with the Polka Dots, to be produced by **Pamela Wagman**. D.Day theme with input from British Legion. Howe fish and chips to be served.

CCTV Camera.

Suggestion of camera on lamppost by Sulgrave Farm turned down unanimously.

Allotments.

Request from Allotment Committee for help with finances - Council agreed to pay the public liability insurance.

Planning.

Kiln Farm yard application. Council to take further consideration before making a recommendation. Clerk to write to W.N.C planning to ask why no planning notice has been posted near the site for the general public to see.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.