

Annual Meeting of the Parishioners of Merton – M1/2023

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS OF MERTON HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 19:30 ON 15 MAY 2023

PRESENT: David Richardson (Chairman Parish Council) DR

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Councillors: Roy Gurprashad, Martin Smith and Paul Stubbs RG/MS/PS
Two members of the public
District Councillors: G. Coton
T. Charlesworth (Clerk/RFO Parish Council) TC

1. APOLOGIES: County Cllr. C. Miller.
2. MINUTES: **RESOLVED:**
 - a. To Confirm minutes of Annual Meeting of the Parishioners of Merton held on 9 May 2022: Previously signed by the Chairman at the Parish Council meeting held on 13 June 2022 M6/2022-4.1.
3. CHAIRMAN'S/FINANCIAL REPORT: The Chairman welcomed those present and reported:-
 - a. Village Hall: As previously reported plans to extend the hall were set aside last year. The village hall currently remains closed due to flooding. The hall has now been signed off as dry and the parish council is waiting for a date when repair works will take place.
 - b. The Parish Council have purchased new football/rugby nets; to be erected when new team(s) are in place.
 - c. Finances: These are currently sound however, the Parish Council may have to replace the current heating system; a decision cannot take place until the electricity is back on and tests can be run.
4. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT(S): The Chairman welcomed District Cllr. G. Coton:-
 - a. District Elections: District Council election results 2023 for Launton and Otmoor Ward: Julian Nedeculu for the Liberal Democrats elected.
 - b. Cherwell District Council has no overall control and it is hoped that there will be an announcement tomorrow regarding administration.
5. TRAFFIC CALMING: 20MPH SPEED LIMIT APPLICATION:
 - a. The application had been successful and the 20mph limit is in place.
6. VILLAGE HALL: Flooding update reported by the Chairman; see 3a.
7. REPORTS FROM GUEST/REPRESENTATIVES:
 - a. Traffic Calming Working Group: To convene a meeting to discuss further measures; the parish council still has funding available.
 - b. Merton Community Woodland Committee: No members present.
8. OPEN FORUM: The following matters were discussed:
 - a. Publication and notification of road closures; these are published on the website and Facebook when notification received.
 - Methods of distributing information to villages were considered.
 - A taxi/minibus service had been put in place during the current closures.

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- b. Dog Faeces: This continues to be a problem in the village, with misuse of the waste bins in the play area.
 - Parish Council to purchase larger capacity dog bins to help address the issue.
 - Clerk to put information on the Facebook page regarding the 'Dog Warden'.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.54

Minutes approved – Minute Ref: M6/2023 – 4.3

Approved and Signed by the Presiding Chairman: *D. Richardson*

Date 26 June 2023.