

# Annual Meeting of the Parishioners of Merton – M1/2022

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS OF MERTON  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
AT 19:30 ON 9 MAY 2022

PRESENT: David Richardson (Chairman Parish Council) DR

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Councillors: Roy Gurprashad, Martin Smith and Paul Stubbs RG/MS/PS  
One member of the public  
F. Foxon: Representative of the Woodland Group.  
District Councillors: G. Coton and Angus Patrick.  
T. Charlesworth (Clerk/RFO Parish Council) TC

1. APOLOGIES: None.
2. MINUTES: **RESOLVED:**
  - 2.1. To Confirm minutes of Annual Meeting of the Parishioners of Merton held on 21 June 2020: Previously signed by the Chairman at the Parish Council meeting held on 12 July 2021 M9/2021-5.2.
3. CHAIRMAN'S/FINANCIAL REPORT: Following introductions the Chairman reported as follows:  
Parish Council Accounts: are running well; Chairs, blinds and notice boards have been purchased and are making the village hall more welcoming. There is a proposal to purchase new football posts and nets.
  - i. Election Results: Following an uncontested election Parish Council members are Cllrs. David, Richardson, Roy Gurprashad, Paul Stubbs and Martin Smith.
  - ii. Parish Council members – Co-option following an election: There are three vacancies on the Parish Council.
4. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT(S): The Chairman welcomed and congratulated newly elected District Councillors Gemma Coton and Angus Patrick; they replace retired Cllr. T. Hallchurch and District Cllr. D. Hughes for Launton and Otmoor. They advised that, whilst they may not always both be able to attend meetings, one or the other or Cllr. C. Miller will attend. They will act as the voice for any issues the Parish Council may have at District level. Their new contact details will be available once the C.D.C. website is update.
5. REPORTS FROM GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES:
  - i. Traffic Calming Working Group: Proposals to use the £9,000.00 set aside for Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) have been put on hold a) because the original quote did not make allowances for the cost of posts that have to be installed by O.C.C; b) an application has been made to reduce speed through the village to 20mph and c) following advice from Cllr. C. Miller to wait for O.C.C. decision regarding application to see what is the best option. The Working Group, of which three members of the PC are on, plans to meet soon.
    - 20mph Speed Limit Application: Awaiting O.C.C. decision.
  - ii. Merton Community Woodland Committee: The committee previously presented proposals to the Parish Council; the main entrance is overgrown; it is proposed to cut back the vegetation to the fence lines and improve the fencing; one quote has been obtained based on the Woodland group clearing the area and on the proviso that the holes for the posts can be dug by hand at £1,500.00 with an extra £250.00 if a digger is required; further quote to be obtained and presented to the PC for consideration. It was agreed that the rising bollard can be removed.
6. VILLAGE HALL PROPOSALS: Plans to extend the village hall have been set aside as OCRLC are no longer using the facilities therefore; the grant is no longer accessible.

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7. RECREATIONAL AREA: The Parish Council are proposing to purchase new football nets for the recreational area.
8. OPEN FORUM: The Chairman welcomed new villager Jon Coleman and thanked him for attending.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.05

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***Draft Minutes subject to Confirmation.***

**Approved and Signed by the Presiding Chairman .....**

**Date .....**