



## Waters Upton Parish Council

**MINUTES** of the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** of **Waters Upton** which was held in Waters Upton Village Hall on **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021** at **7.00p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor: H Roberts (Chairman)

**In Attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk to the Council)  
Councillor E Thomas  
Councillor B Rothwell  
Councillor T Revitt  
Councillor S Bentley, TWC  
Mr & Mrs L Finzi  
Mr & Mrs Cunneen  
Mr Goodwin (arrived at 22/0225)  
PCSO I Collumbell  
D Bennett (arrived at 22/0230)  
S Holgate (arrived at 22/0230)  
C Quin (arrived at 22/0230)

### **22/0221 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

The Chairman, Councillor H Roberts, opened the meeting, thanking members of the public for attending and explaining that this meeting is a meeting of residents of the Parish, and not a Parish Council Meeting. However, some Councillors were in attendance.

### **22/0222 APOLOGIES**

Councillor J Quin  
Councillor K Hamilton  
R Hughes, St John's Church  
A Ames, Crudgington School  
J Williams, Waters Upton Village Hall  
A Lowe, St Michael's Church

### **22/0223 MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in April 2021 had been distributed and displayed in the village noticeboards. It was proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Revitt, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held in April 2021, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.
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### **22/0224 MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION**

There were no matters arising.

### **22/0225 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chairman read his report to the meeting on the work throughout the year, a copy of the report is attached to the Minutes and is available on request. The report will be added to the website and will be forwarded for use in a future newsletter.

## **22/0226 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Waters Upton Parish Council started the financial year with a health current account balance of £61,565.80. This was higher than usual due to the ongoing effects of covid and restrictions had meant that some projects had not been completed.

Members confirmed their earmarked reserves to ensure that funding would be available to support the objectives identified in the Parish Strategy.

The balance at the end of the financial year remains in a healthy position at £52,011.73.

The audit of the accounts takes place on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Members were aware of the difficulties experienced by the community over the last two years and were clear in their view that they did not want to impose any increase on the precept for 2022/23. A budget was therefore agreed that would meet the needs of the Parish, but without an increase and the precept was therefore set at £25,060.00.

When the Council Tax was set by Telford & Wrekin Council, it became evident that this had resulted in a reduction in the amount payable per property for Waters Upton Parish Council.

## **22/0227 TWC REPORT**

A copy of the report provided by Councillor Stephen Bentley, Ward Member, will be attached to the Minutes and will appear on the website.

## **22/0228 LOCAL GROUP & ORGANISATION REPORTS**

St Michael's Church	A copy of the report will appear on the website, when received.
St John's Church	A copy of the report will appear on the website, when received.
Crudgington School	Mr Ames will provide a report and it will appear on the website.
Waters Upton Village Hall	A copy of the report will appear on the website.
Neighbourhood Watch	Huw Roberts had provided a report which will appear on the website and be attached to the Minutes.

## **22/0229 WEST MERCIA POLICE**

PCSO I Collumbell provided an update on his recent work in the rural areas. He mentioned the recent Speedwatch Training and promoted the OPSNAP scheme, which encourages the use of dashcam footage to investigate offences. Finally, he continues to promote Neighbourhood Matters and suggested local residents may want to use the Vehicle Smart APP to ascertain information about any vehicles in the area, not recognised, but acting suspiciously.

The Chairman, on behalf of the communities in the Parish, thanked Ivan for his commitment and dedication – everyone agreed that since his appointment, residents feel safer. It is appreciated that the vehicle is visible around the areas and it is hoped that the post will continue as it is very effective.

## **22/0230 PARISH MATTERS**

### **Speed of Traffic through the village of Waters Upton**

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council will have the Speed Indicator Device in position in the near future, this will be sited at various locations around the Parish.

The Parish Council has requested a build-out in the highway, near to the Well in Waters Upton, to slow down the traffic before they enter the 30mph zone in the village.

**The Stackyard**

The Parish Council continues to meet regularly with Days New Homes to bring Phase One to completion. The green space in the middle of the site, linking Phase One and Phase Two, will remain an essential green area and Days New Homes had previously agreed to install small wooden bollards to prevent parking. This will be available at the end of Phase Two.

The bin store will be recreated using bricks to match the wall at Number One.

**Waters Upton Village Road**

Despite the attendance of the drain clearer machine, 12 road drains throughout the village of Waters Upton are still in need of jetting, silt and leaf clearance.

**Problem Drains**

The following areas are in need of specialist skills:

Orchard Close

Rear of Shanti House

**22/0231      NEXT MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and explained that this meeting is followed by an April monthly meeting.

Signed .....Date .....