**APM23-1**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Wysall & Thorpe in the Glebe held on Tuesday May 16th, 2023 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.**

*The Chair, Coun. Carolyn Birch welcomed members of the Parish Council to the meeting, Cllr. John Cottee, the Clerk Danielle Scott, Tim Turner and four members of the public.*

**1] Apologies**

Coun. Richard French, Cllr. Andy Edyvean.

**2] Minutes from the Previous Parish Meeting May 2022**

Agreed and signed.

3] **Tim Turner**

The Chair welcomed Tim Turner from Nottinghamshire County Council. He provided attendees with an update on an ongoing investigation involving a local business.

4] **Chairs Report**

The Chair, Coun. Carolyn Birch presented their report.

Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council

Annual Report May 2023

The biggest change to the PC this year has been the departure of Mike Elliott who was our Parish Clerk for many years. The search for his successor began last summer. A small group of parish councillors interviewed and then appointed our new clerk, Danielle Scott. The hand over went smoothly with help from Mike and his assistant Jane. Danielle has settled well into her new role. She is also the clerk to Willoughby PC. We have agreed that her training and other costs will be shared between the 2 councils, a cost-effective move in these difficult times. We wish her every success for the future.

In the past year the PC has completed the ongoing internal and external maintenance of the Village Hall which has included roof and drain repairs, updating kitchen equipment, lighting, erecting new goal posts and dog bins/signs in the play area to name just a few.

Many thanks to Councillors Mike Stanley and John Tomlinson for their continuing hard work to keep the village hall in tip top condition.

Our next major project regarding the village hall will be the updating of the heating system and replacing draughty windows and external doors. With spiralling energy costs, we are looking at more economical means of heating the village hall. Councillors Tomlinson and Powell are looking into various options at the present time.

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During the financial review this year the PC agreed to raise the precept by a small 0.2% this year taking it from £17,800 in 2021/2022 to £18,000 in 2022/2023. A concise financial report will be given by the Parish Clerk. All details will be on the website.

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from the building of new homes in the village helped towards the costs of the new playground, fencing along the play area boundary and improvements to level and re seed the play area.

The major fund-raising project this past year was our new playground project which was led by former councillor Vicki Plant and her team. Our thanks go to her for all the hard work she and her team have done since the beginning of the process, from consultations with residents to applying for grants for the new play equipment. Thanks go to Councillor John Cottee who helped our application for the grants. The Installation of the playground was completed by early May 2023. The side access to the rear of the village hall was a great help to the installers who completed the work with minimal fuss. Grants from CIL, Notts County Council and The Social Committee have allowed us to have a very modern and safe play area in the village. The official opening, attended by Councillor John Cottee was on Wednesday 3rd May where several children and residents attended.

The renamed Village Social Committee (formerly the Village Hall Committee) has organised various fund-raising events over the past year. These have included the Quiz night, film nights, Wine tasting, Food Fair, and the Xmas Fair.

The issue regarding bouncy castles and other inflatables is being addressed by the county solicitor at present. Thanks to Chris French and the committee for all their hard work. Thanks also go to the volunteers for the maintenance of the verges on Main Street which have looked lovely again this spring.

Over the past year there have been the usual variety of planning applications which have all been dealt with in a professional manner.

Last year the PC, with help from Wysall Church organised the late Queen Elizabeth’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations which included the very enjoyable ceilidh and Sunday Picnic & Jazz afternoon. Thanks to the contribution from the Local Community Fund from Councillor Adair towards the costs of these celebrations.

Unfortunately, these celebrations were closely followed by her Majesty’s death in September. The Union flag was flown at half-mast within 10 minutes of the announcement of her death then hoisted on the following day to mark the accession of King Charles 111. All strict protocols were followed as instructed by Buckingham Palace.

We are grateful that Wysall and Thorpe have low levels of crime. Sergeant Brett Price and PC Dan Clarke from The Rural Crime Team (Rushcliffe South) attended the December 2022 Parish council meeting to introduce themselves. The PC brought to their attention various residents’ concerns which included speeding and tractor drivers using mobile phones while driving. The officers urged the reporting of all non-urgent crimes using 101 or the website. Reporting of crime, however minor helps build an accurate picture of crime in the local area. Regular Beat surgeries are held in East Leake and Keyworth.

The PC are still waiting for the Police report because of the accident in the village in 2021. Concerns over the increased number of HGV vehicles in the village, parking on verges and pavements, the condition of the roads (potholes and mud) and annoying activities by certain residents are ongoing and are being addressed at the present time.

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I am delighted to report that the Ukrainian families in the village have settled well, and several are moving on to their new homes. Thanks go to all host families and people who have donated to their cause during the past year.

It is with regret that the Wysall Luncheon Club has closed due to dwindling numbers from the village. This has been replaced by a monthly Thursday morning drop in “Coffee, cake and a Chat” where residents and friends can pop into the village hall from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. Activities such as various board games, dominoes and cards will be available for the enthusiastic!

I would like to thank all councillors for their help and assistance over the past year. Special thanks to councillor Mike Stanley for his hard work in maintaining the village hall, looking after the village defibrillator and being a member of the PC for several years. We wish him well in his retirement. Thanks to Councillor Powell for taking over the admin for the village defibrillator, Stephen Reeds for looking after the website and Andrea and Andrew Tucker for organising the very successful Village Breakfasts. Finally, thanks to County Councillor John Cottee and to Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Reg Adair who has retired from his role. We wish him well.

I will finish by giving out a great big thank you once again to all our parishioners who invest their time and support to all fund-raising events. This ongoing support creates a great atmosphere and community spirit in our parishes.

**4] Finance report**

The clerk, Danielle Scott presented their finance report.

Finance Report – May 23.

Wysall & Thorpe Parish Council opened the 22/23 financial year with £45340.98 between its reserve and current accounts.

During the year it gained receipts of £41733.58 including a precept of £17800 from Rushcliffe Borough Council.

Total expenditure for the year was £42621.22. With staffing costs, new playground equipment and village hall maintenance being the largest outlays for the council.

The council finished the financial year with £23250.91 in its current account.

*The meeting closed at 7.50pm*