

# MINUTES OF THE ADDERBURY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE METHODIST HALL, CHAPEL LANE, ADDERBURY ON WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 2023 AT 7.30PM

**PRESENT:** Councillor Diane Bratt (Chairman): Councillors Simon Davies, Mark Gerold, Oliver Ighani, Ann Lyons and Rachel Moffat.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer), District Councillors David Hingley and Adam Nell and 15 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Parish Councillors Jacky Atkinson, Joel Greenberg, Sue Jelfs and Lucy Wells.

**01/23 Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**02/23 Matters Arising** - There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2022.

**03/23 Community and Sports Centre on Milton Road** – The Chairman reported on the progress with the project and the fundraising which had been undertaken. The Chairman advised the residents that a Crowdfunding page was being launched shortly and the 'Buy-A-Brick' initiative had recently been launched. More information on fundraising was available from the Clerk. All residents were invited to support with project in any way in which they could.

A resident asked whether the plans for the design of the building had changed. The Chairman advised that the revised plans for the building, which was a scaled down version, had been approved and were available on Cherwell District Council's web site.

A resident asked about funding for the project and when the build would start. The Chairman reported that all funding would need to be in place before the build could start. Also, grant funders such as the FA and National Lottery would not fund projects that had already begun, but given planning permission was already in place, as soon as the funds were available, the building phase could start.

The Chairman confirmed that income had not yet been received from the 'Buy-A-Brick' initiative because it had only very recently been launched. It was hoped that £50,000 could be raised through this initiative.

A resident asked whether it was possible for the pitches to be used. The Chairman confirmed that they could not be used until the building had been erected because this was a condition of the planning permission. In addition, the car parking had not been completed and work was still required to the entrance to the site.

**04/23 Chairman's Report 2022/2023** – The Chairman presented a report on the Parish Council's work during 2021/2022.

The report covered Adderbury Lakes, biodiversity projects, traffic calming, celebrations for HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Coronation of King Charles III, planning applications, the Local Plan and Adderbury Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Chairman also thanked the Clerk and Councillors for all their work and also other volunteers, who had supported the Parish Council over the last 12 months.

The Chairman's full report was available on the Parish Council web site. [www.adderburypc.co.uk](http://www.adderburypc.co.uk)

**05/23 Parish Council Accounts 2022/2023** - The Clerk presented to the Annual Parish Meeting, the financial report for 2022/2023. The figures had been subject to internal audit and gave an accurate picture of the activities of the year.

The accounts for 2022/2023 were available on the Parish Council web site. [www.adderburypc.co.uk](http://www.adderburypc.co.uk)

**06/23 County and District Councillors Reports** – There was no report from County Councillor Arash Fatemian.

District Councillor Adam Nell updated the meeting on the work of the District Council including how District Councillors were elected at Cherwell District Council, the budget for 2023/2024, how the District Council's responsibilities differed from the County Council's, the re-development of Banbury town centre and the difficulties faced by town centre due to a reduction in shoppers and people now working from home.

District Councillor David Hingley thanked the residents for voting for him at the elections in May 2022 and he was pleased to represent the village. As an author himself, he was glad that the Parish Council continued to support Adderbury Library.

Councillor Hingley advised that the Local Plan was being revised by Cherwell District Council and it would probably be consulted on over the summer. Councillor Hingley wanted to see amendments to the Plan to ensure that rural housing allocations were being fairly distributed across the District.

The Chairman thanked the District Councillors for their reports and support over the last 12 months.

**07/23 Question of Residents** – A residents raised her concerns about parking in the village and there had been occasions when the village was grid locked due to double parking and the S4 bus getting stuck on the High Street. A number of surrounding villages had installed parking meters and the resident would like the Parish Council to address this issue and also parking on footpaths.

A resident reported that would like to see speed enforcement in the village because speeding was a problem, especially on Berry Hill Road. The Chairman highlighted the 20mph speed restrictions initiative and encouraged residents to respond to the County Council's consultation.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors and residents for attending the meeting and invited everyone to stay for refreshments.

(The meeting closed at 8.45pm)

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Chairman