

HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON:

Date & Time: Monday 17th May 2021 at 6.30pm

Venue: Horton Village Hall, Broadway Hill, Horton

- 1. ATTENDANCE** Cllrs Ann Winter – Chair, Ray Buckler – Vice Chair, Dave Johnson, Julie Layzell, Barry Mosely, Jon Tipping, Pippa Woodman, Ann Richards and Richard Clifford were all in attendance of the meeting.
- 2. TO SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** Minutes of the meeting held in January 2021 having previously been circulated were approved as a true record and correct record of the meeting. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed.
- 3. TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** Minutes of the meeting held in May 2018 having previously been circulated were approved as a true record and correct record of the meeting. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed.
- 4. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS ON THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** Please see the attached report (**Appendix 1**) written by Cllr A Winter.
- 5. ANY PARISH ITEMS YOU MAY WISH TO DISCUSS, BY LAW AND PASS RESOLUTIONS ON THEM** There were no parish items to be discussed and therefore no resolutions passed.

Broadway Hill Methodist Church provide the Council with their annual update. Please refer to **Appendix 2**.

APPENDIX 1 – CHAIRPERSON’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Appointed chair May 2020 – 1st face-to-face meeting, a challenging year for all.
- Team of councillors with a wide range of skills & expertise – ecology, environmental issues, IT & planning.
- More importantly councillors – passionate about their community.
- Throughout the year working on a number of issues – playing field, website, speeding, A358 & planning applications.
- **Playing Field** – supporting the playing field committee on improvements & maintenance. Sadly playing field committee is suspended due to Covid. Have been awarded a grant from SSDC of £12,500, other grants being sought. Maintenance contracts have been awarded locally.
- **Website** –new Horton Parish Council website should be launched later this month. Currently importing existing public material including playing field plans.
- **Speeding** - is an issue, we are looking at a speeding indicator device.
- **A358** – been involved in consultations on the proposed development.
- **Blue Plaque** -One highlight was the parish council’s involvement in the blue plaque memorialising Nina’s commitment during the pandemic.
- **Planning Applications** – part of usual work, surprised to learn in July 2020 of plans for 50 homes next to the village hall. August 2020 organised a 2-day consultation in the village hall on plans – but cancelled due to lockdown. September 2020 – circulated Galion leaflets & response slips to all homes in Horton. Heard no more until planning submitted to SSDC in March 2021. All houses informed of the application & encouraged to respond to planners at SSDC (105 received by SSDC – 104 objecting). April 2021 invited Gallion to the Zoom meeting having forwarded 28 questions to Galion. Galion unable to participate fully, written responses given out to you on entry. Tonight a limited meeting for you to ask Galion questions. Horton Parish Council unanimously objects to the proposed development.

APPENDIX 2 – BROADWAY HILL METHODIST CHURCH REPORT

Children have been deprived of friends old and new, families are 'champing at the bit' to exercise further afield, working at home is not always the easy option. Older people awaiting their 'jab' whilst not being in physical contact with family and friends. The church building has been closed since before Christmas but the church family has sought to keep in touch. " Best of all the Lord is with us! "

WORSHIP- Sunday morning offered a service intermittently after March 23rd using covid prevention measures, online music resources, and power-point to assist. Worship resources from Connexion or Circuit were delivered or sent by email to those requesting. "Roots on the web" resources are being reviewed this year for all ages. Friends explored TV, livestreaming services and learning what was on offer across the nation or internationally. We are grateful for all the work to offer the resources experienced. There is an appreciation of the body of Christ and the sharing of worship. Rev Anna leads a service each Sunday at 10.45am as a Conference Call.

LEARNING AND CARING – the whole pandemic has been a learning experience, managing life very differently, depending on others or smiling at the choreography when avoiding contact in the street. When allowed, a Zoom participant group joined a District training session. Caring has been possible virtually with more emails, phone links with Chattabox friends and each other, Bulletins and Birthday cards which have been very much appreciated. Are there ways that we can serve Rev Anna through this year ?

SERVICE – Prayer notes are produced every month for the prayer group to use at home. Chattabox times were changed to enable two groups of six to meet on Thursdays. Latterly the one guest with volunteers supporting did not want to risk coming. Slinky Bus and drivers have supported us through the pandemic with patience and skill. Computer Hub held two restricted sessions – 4 students with 2 volunteers – so appreciated. Tuesday Takeaway continued until the Autumn with six meeting for a local ready-meal. Hence the microwave in the Sanctuary and waste into a black bin bag! The WI committee met once to arrange support for members at Christmas. Blythswood Shoe Boxes locally numbered 92 with a TA19 total of 4560. A wonderful result! Ann Welch who has energetically assisted Joyce Pickering is now leading the TA19 Blythswood Shoebox enterprise.

EVANGELISM and GROWTH – the Nativity lights over Christmas were a delight. Connexion is presenting a report "God for All" as in last November Minutes; a Strategy with an intentional transformational process, an invitation to think what should be reduced, and what initiatives planned and owned. It is hoped that churches will consider one internal activity and one external activity to pray over and develop. The Launch, with funding, is in 2022. Sue has a download from the Connexion Conference webpage. A thought-provoking read!

15TH May

Chattabox has resumed since before Easter.

The public address system and ceiling projector with subscription to Youtube has provided advert less music for worship from Easter Sunday. Full risk assessment is ongoing.

We are happy to hear how the community would find the smaller venue to be suitable for needs or ideas.

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