



REPPS cum BASTWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR REPPS with BASTWICK HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd MAY 2022 AT 7.30pm in the VILLAGE HALL.

In attendance: Fred Sharman (Chair), Alison McTaggart, Andrew Wright, Carol Willett, Chris Wallace, and 2 Parishioners including representatives of the Fuel Allotment Charity and PCC.

1. Chairman's welcome

Fred Sharman welcomed all those attending the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Borough Councillor Lesley Mogford.

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting on the 6th April 2021

The minutes amended to add Dr Steven Sivyler's surname and were then approved as a true record of the meeting. They were signed by Fred Sharman as Chair of the meeting.

4. Parish Council, Chairman's report

Good evening all, and thank you for attending this meeting.

This year has been one of the better ones, after getting over the Covid pandemic.

Like always, there have been a few planning applications. We had no objections bar 1, namely the Bridge Hotel site as there were sewerage problems and we felt the property would not be in keeping with the area.

I would like to extend my thanks again to Alan Thacker and his ongoing litter picking around the village.

The grass contractors, Garden Guardian, are doing a good job around the churchyard and playing field. Also I would like to thank Peter Bond, Shauna Ellis, and Peter Lawrence for maintaining the planters around the village

The bench for the late Geoffrey Dowe is still on my farm, but will be installed on Low Road.

In this last year we have had a Parish Council member retire due to ill health issues. I pass my thoughts and the councillors best wishes to George Willett. His place has been taken by Hazel Rudrum.

My thanks also go to Carol Willett, Andrew Wright, Tom Ellis, Chris Wallace and Alison McTaggart for their help and support throughout this last year.

Finally the sad part of this report is Claudia, our Clerk, has passed me her resignation which I begrudgingly accepted. Her knowledge and expertise in this role has been greatly appreciated by myself and all the members of our council, she had done an incredible job, I'm sure you'll all agree. And of course we wish her every happiness in the future.

5. Parish Council accounts for the last financial year by the Clerk

The Precept for 2021/22 was £4,800. The Precept for 2022/23 will be £6,149. This is an increase of 25.6%, or £0.67 per Band D property per month, and includes money for grass cutting, provision of allotments, and repair and maintenance of the benches, bins and planters round the village.

2021/22 Accounts and Budgets:

Receipts were £11,334.62, including concurrent functions grants of £4,411 for the grass cutting, Council Tax Support grant of £284, £1,088.40 allotment income, and £655.05 recycling credits.

Payments were £11,738.22, including £4,475.97 on grass cutting, £1,500 on trimming the trees round the bowling green, and £325 on replacement defibrillator pads.

There was an overspend of £1,906.60, which was mostly the unplanned for tree trimming. The precept budget for 2021/22 was set at a deficit of £424 so therefore the overspend would have been £20 less than planned for.

Reserves at Year End 2021/22 (draft):

Bus stop	£ 1,575.00
Bins and planters	£ 1,400.00
Notice boards	£ 420.00
War Memorial	£ 250.00
Seats and benches	£ 680.00
Village sign	£ 2,681.00
Defibrillator	£ 1,090.00
Phone box	£ 120.00
Pugg Street Staithe	£ 1,200.00
Recycling credits	£ 718.92
General Reserves	<u>£ 1,551.36</u>
Total	£27,279.50

Projects for 2022/23:

The Parish Council is hoping to participate in some way in the village celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. 4 trees have been planted on Church Road, and a further holly will be planted in the Autumn.

6. Repps Fuel Allotment Charity annual report by Sally Mitchell

There were 13 applicants in 2021. The grant was agreed to remain at £25 per person. Several recipients let the trustees know they were very grateful to receive it.

There is just over £2,000 in funds. The charity is grateful to the Parish Council who contributed £325 via the recycling credits. And thanks were also given to those who helped to distribute the grants.

7. County & Borough Councillor's and Police reports

None received.

8. Village Hall & Playing Field Committee

None received.

9. Repps PCC annual report.

A report was given by Sally Mitchell on behalf of the PCC: another challenging year as the pandemic is continuing to impact on the work of the church.

Alison McTaggart retired last year, and Jan Shaw was elected as church warden last April.

We did not manage to pay our 2021 Parish Share in full but collected £6,000 which was paid to the Diocese of Norwich. We are extremely grateful to the continuing support of the people of the village. The shortfall was probably because we were not able to have as many fundraising events.

There were 13 regular services held in the church last year and in 2021 there were 4 funerals.

The church opens at weekends and on a Tuesday and Wednesday between 10 and 4 for private prayer opening.

The Tower Project is still ongoing The £3,000 grant from the Round Tower Society is still on hold. But the work will be done on Monday and Tuesday next week weather permitting.

Quennial inspection held in the summer by our new architect from Spire Architects. Sadly it flagged up more questions than answers

Harvest Festival returned to the church but did not attract the same number of people as previous Barn Harvest Festivals.

Wild Church, mainly for the children of the church with a short outdoor service to explore the churchyard, has proven to be a hit with the youngsters.

We are blessed with a well-cared for Churchyard and again our thanks go to the Parish Council for the grass-cutting services.

And I would like to extend the thanks of the Parochial Church Council to all those who play a significant part in looking after the Church and Churchyard – it is very much appreciated.

10. To receive any other annual reports

None received.

11. Open floor question and answer session

No further comments or questions.

12. Date and time of the next meeting

The next APM to be held on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.