

Redbourne Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual meeting of Redbourne Parish held at 6.30pm on Thursday 6th May 2021, via a WHYPAY conference call.

Present: Chair – Cllr Lynn Wainwright.
Cllr Penny Stevenson, Cllr Judy Brown, Cllr Pauline Hawley, Cllr Phil Hotham, Cllr Gonzalo Salvatierra.
Clerk – Holly Hanson

Public Participation

No members of the public attended.

AM21/22 –0501 Minutes of Previous meeting

- a) Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2020 were approved and signed.

AM21/22 –0502 Matters Arising

- a) There were no matters arising.

AM21/22 –0503 Chairman’s Report

- a) Councillor Lynn Wainwright, Chairman of Redbourne Parish Council made a short presentation detailing the work of the Parish Council over the past year:

It has been strange and difficult year for us all, with Covid restrictions life has been very different from that we experienced at the last Chairs report in March 2020.

Nevertheless, the play area project was installed and opened for use and proved a great success with both children from Redbourne and other villages, it had been hoped to celebrate the opening with a picnic in the play area for the children, but Covid restrictions made this impossible.

A Christmas tree was again installed in the Blacksmiths, this time without the usual festivities but it was hoped that it brought a little Christmas cheer to residents.

Gardening in the village was also put on hold with one or 2 stalwarts keeping the village tidy, there is much to catch up on this year and despite requests for further volunteers none have been forthcoming. The village has once again entered the CPRE competition this year.

We have had a couple of contentious Planning Applications in the village, one of which was withdrawn, the other waiting an appeal decision – which I sincerely hope will reach the same decision as NLC and reject.

Quarry workings are still causing a problem for many residents, with traffic, incredibly dirty roads, and footpaths in the winter months not only from Quarry traffic but from Biomass traffic too. It was hoped that a Speedwatch initiative could be organized in the village, but again Covid restrictions have put this on hold, but hopefully it can be resurrected this year.

Flooding – almost 18 months since the flooding event of November 2019 and the village is still in danger of flooding. Progress is very slow I find it unbelievable that we are not further on with this scheme. Holly and I are attending Flood Meetings, you all receive a copy of her notes, the meetings are held by NLC attending are our Ward Cllrs, Landowners, and affected residents. Communications have been appalling, with commitments made not being upheld by Officers. Reporting back to the PC Cllrs agreed that a letter be sent to Rob Waltham Leader of NLC, requesting his support for the Redbourne Flood Alleviation Scheme. Meetings are now held fortnightly, and I am pleased to say with much support from our Ward

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Cllrs. But there is still much to be accomplished. We were told initially that Redbourne was at the front of the queue – I would hate to be at the back!

Finally - as you all know, we appointed a new clerk this year. It has been a somewhat baptism of fire for her in many respects. I know how hard she's worked and the hours she gives to this PC, which perhaps other Cllrs are unaware, it's been difficult with telephone meetings, we've only had one face to face meeting, which hasn't made things easy for her - I'd like to thank Holly on both mine and your behalf.

AM21/22 –0504 Public Comment

- a) No members of the public attended.

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