

HOLWELL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2022
IN THE BOWLS CLUB
AT 7.30 P.M.

Present:

Ms Yvonne Hart (Chairperson)
Mr Colin Everett
Mr Nigel Eaton
Mr Martin Thurlow
Mrs Wendy Harris
Mrs Ann Warner (Clerk)

Members of the public:-

Philippa Wood
Roy Izzard
Derek Hooper
Colin Cropley
Rosemary Gainsford
Roy Blake
Susan Young

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Hertfordshire County Councillor Mr David Barnard, PCSO Heather Burrows and Alex Thurlow. These were accepted and approved by the Parish Council.

Hertfordshire County Councillor David Barnard - Although Mr Barnard was unable to attend the meeting, he did send a report and a copy of that report is attached.

PCSO Heather Burrows has contacted the clerk asking if it would be possible to hold a Police Surgery 4 times a year in the village.

The clerk has informed Ms Burrows that it is not possible at the moment to hold these meetings in the Pavilion as the build is not yet complete, but has given Mr Derek Hooper details with his permission, and can contact him to hire the Bowls Club for these meetings.

2. Chairperson's Reports : full copy attached

3. The clerk invited reports from the village organisations:

St Peter's Church - Philippa Wood – Churchwarden for St Peter's Church started her report by thanking the Rev'd Mary Fane de Salis for her continued leadership and commitment to St Peter's Church during the past, once again, very difficult year. A copy of the full report is attached.

Bowls Club - Derek Hooper – Treasurer of Holwell Bowls Club

Mr Hooper reported that the Bowls club is doing well and with the help of a benefactor is now financially in a good place.

The Bowls Club continues to have race nights, quizzes, game nights and bingo which are very popular.

At Christmas and Easter, they have bingo nights with lots of prizes these events are well attended.

The Bowls Club also opens on Friday evenings during the summer and if you are passing and Bowls Club is open anytime, you are welcome to come in and have a drink and watch the game.

This is a very friendly and pleasant place to unwind and is open for refreshments and BBQ on the scarecrow weekend.

Ickleford Cricket Club

Mr Roy Izzard reported that the Cricket Club is very happy with the recreation ground and facilities and look forward to the opening of the new Pavilion.

The Cricket club are also very grateful for the great relationship between the Parish Council and themselves.

Hitchin Youth Football Club: There was no one available from the Football Club to make a report but sent a message to Ms Hart with their apologies.

Ickleford Parish Council Chairman – Mr Ray Blake asked to address the Parish Council regarding a matter of some concern. Mr Blake raised concerns regarding District Councillor Mr Sam North. His ineffectiveness as a District Councillor at not attending one Parish Council meeting in Ickleford and having no interest in the concerns of the Parishioners of the village of Ickleford.

He has not been there to support or advise Ickleford Parish Council over a number of issues.

Mr Ray Blake would like to hear how Holwell Parish Council has fared in this regard.

Ms Hart, Chairperson to Holwell Parish Council and with full support and agreement from all Holwell Parish Councillors agreed that this was the case in Holwell. Holwell has not seen or heard from Mr Sam North since he was elected. Holwell Parish Council would support any initiative that Ickleford Parish Council feel necessary.