

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF PUCKLECHURCH

Date: Saturday 24th April 2021

Time: 10.00am

Venue: *Remotely via Zoom*

This meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting, not a meeting of Pucklechurch Parish Council. The Annual Parish Meeting is open to all electors and must be held once a year between the 1 March and 1 June. It may be summoned by the chairman of a Parish Council (if there is one) under Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12 Para 17 (1) who shall, if present, preside at this meeting.

Present:

Pucklechurch Parish Councillors: G Boyle (Chair), A Hemmings and C Phillips
2 residents of Pucklechurch parish

Apologies for absence:

None

1. Welcome by the Chair of the Parish Council

Gail Boyle welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. To confirm the Annual Parish Minutes of 23rd May 2019

Chair outlined the Council was not able to legally call a meeting last year due to Covid. Key themes of the previous meeting included Creative Youth Network, Edware Homes presentation, Neighbourhood Planning update and 106 Section Funding.

Action: To review and agree accurate reflection of minutes

3. Feedback

Grants to celebrate VE day have not been spent. Events planned 2020 were cancelled. Revel this year is cancelled in line with risk assessments for each stallholder/insurance. From September, ignite plans including a race night quiz planned to take place September 2021. Chair confirmed grants would be held over. Includes PTA high vis jacket grant. Garden around Millennium Stoke, all planting has been completed.

4. Parish Council Meetings, March – June 2020

Regulations precluded the Council from holding in person meetings 18 March 2020 to 17 June 2020 – no formal meeting. Policies in place to enact the Clerk.

5. Parish Council Updates

Chair outlined the following:

- **Play area signage (lockdown)**

Play area warning tape came from personal supplies of the Council /resident Lori Ann.

Action: Replace tape

- **Frequency of maintenance across Parish**

Reduced amount of maintenance has taken place during this time in line with Covid restrictions.

- **Regularity of meetings**

By 17 June 2020, the Council had two meetings via Zoom each month with one or two exceptions. The Council has achieved more due to support of extra councillors. Co-opted 4 councillors. One has left due to work commitments. Three new councillors.

- **Balloon tethering**

To be brought back into a wildlife area.

- **Planting new trees (Oaktree Avenue)**

Undertaken by SGC

- **Speed table, (Westerleigh)**

Delayed by SGC.

- **Green space (Castle road/end of Westerleigh road)**

Protect as a green space due to cars driving over ground to park nearby. Waiting on SGC to move forward.

- **Allotment Informal meeting**

Discuss issues and upgrades. Draw down against 106 money to improve allotment provision. Subdivide several plots to make more space available.

- **Anti-social behaviour**

A report is brought to council on crime statistics for Pucklechurch. The accuracy of reports has been highlighted. Incidents need to be reported as we will not get any support and will not be seen as a hotspot. Several councillors are examining what the Council can do to improve safety. This will be reported back to Council with an Action Plan. CCTV would not be possible. Areas to explore include Roadshows with Community Centre, presence of a stronger community group.

- **Section 106 play areas**

Circulated a survey. Responded to well. Lori Anne highlighted that some of the money from Gill's fund was to be used for fencing. Revel has contributed money to this too. Mike Rawlings set up fund. Chair commented that the Council has enquired who is responsible for the fund. Not received any details to date.

Action: PPC to liaise with Mike Rawlings

- **Consultations**

PPC has continued to respond to Consultations.

Meeting closed at 10.35