

STANDON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 26th May 2022 in Standon held in the Community Centre, Station Road, Puckeridge at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr Chris Leage (Chairman Standon PC), Cllr Richard Boxall, Cllr Acland Bryant, Cllr Claudia Chalkley, Cllr Graham Cowell, Cllr Sally Crook, Cllr Pat Foot, SPC & EHDC Cllr Tony Hall, Cllr Michael Marshall, Cllr Maureen Wren.

EHDC & HCC Cllr David Andrews

PUBLIC: There were 2 members of the public present

Apologies: SPC: none

HCC: Cllr Jeff Jones

1. Chairman's Welcome & Report

Welcome to everyone, Councillors and those from the public who have joined us this evening.

Our usual and sincere thanks to all the Councillors and local volunteers for their continued commitment to the community.

The past twelve months have been another busy year for the Parish Council, including a range of activities:

- Responding to planning applications (both individual and larger scale developments). In this respect, the PC continues to promote our local Neighbourhood Plan as the key driver in what should be built in the community. A major planning application remains outstanding for the redevelopment of Standon Business Park, the PC will continue to monitor this closely.
- Monitoring the traffic load on the A120 and the impact to Station Road and Standon High Street.
- Working to maintain our local open spaces, play grounds and sporting facilities, allotments and other community facilities; our thanks go to all the volunteers and committees involved. The PC appreciate the work done by the management committees of the Standon village hall and the Puckeridge Community Centre, as well as the Colliers End village hall.
- The Community Centre has suffered a water damage insurance claim. The CCMC and the parish clerk have worked together to ensure the insurance claim will be correctly resolved and paid.

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- We have outline plans at an early stage to refurbish and/or redevelop the community centre building. The Parish Council and the CCMC continue to liaise on these ideas and options.
- The tennis club now has a new club house building, with proper facilities.
- The use of Burrs Meadow continues to be monitored to ensure the long term future of this open public space.
- Plans have been agreed to create a 2022 Jubilee Garden on the Moors; work is in hand.
- The PC continues to liaise with our local Police colleagues to ensure local policing standards are maintained.
- We continue to support local volunteer groups, such as First Responders and Friends of the River Rib and Quin.
- the Parish Council website is available to all and updated to provide relevant community news.

My thanks again to all Councillors and to the Clerk for their efforts. The coming year will no doubt bring new challenges, but the Parish Council will continue to work with the best interests of the community in mind at all times.

2. Public Discussion

A vote of thanks was offered to the Chairman for his hard work across the previous year.

May Day: there are many new families living in the village who do not come from village backgrounds which was established in discussions at May Day and is evident as people seem to think farmland is theirs to walk through without any need to remain on the footpaths.

Thanks to Parish Council: a member of the public commented that having attended the majority of Parish Council meetings for the past year, it is refreshing to know that the Parish Council is doing everything in its power to support and protect the Parish, despite it being a thankless task.

Standon & Puckeridge Community First Responders: Cllr Hall reported that there have been 15 calls which include chest pains and other ailments, culminating in the Air Ambulance attending yesterday, landing behind the White Hart PH to attend a very serious incident. There are 10 volunteers who are covering Westmill to Buntingford supporting the Emergency Service.

Cllr Hall also reported that he has moved out of the village which he has lived in for 25 years. He will continue to support the 1st Responders, but formally gave his resignation to the Meeting as required under the legislation. He will serve the

community as a Parish Councillor for the next 6 months in line with regulations. He will continue as a District Council until the next election.

Cllr David Andrews reported that he is progressing a meeting with relevant Authorities regarding out of control dogs in Westland and Wellpond Green. He asked that all relevant evidence is made available to him.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm