

MINUTES OF SILK WILLOUGHBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 30 MAY 2024 AT 6.10PM

Present: Cllr Roberts Chair, R Bowden Clerk and 16 members of the public

1. Chair's Welcome

The Chair Cllr Roberts welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish meeting.

2. Minutes 2023

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: that the 2023 Annual parish Meeting notes be accepted as a true record, and these were signed by the Chair.

3. Chair's Report

1. The Chair read out her report and a copy are attached to these minutes.

4. Questions from the Public

Village Hall – A resident asked what the situation was with the Village Hall. The Chair explained that the situation has not changed since the last updated were given out. No more volunteers had come forward, so the Village Hall Committee and Charity are in the process of closing down.

Would the village hall be opening to the public again soon? – The Chair explained that when the building comes back to the parish council, the parish council will not have the capacity to run the village hall as it was. It would need volunteers to come forward and so far no one has done that.

The Chair of the Village Hall Committee confirmed that he is seeking advice from a Solicitor to clarify the contents of the Conveyance. It is an old document and difficult to understand. There are points that need clarification regarding the hall itself, the Post Office and the Room Upstairs.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.40pm

Signed

Chair

Silk Willoughby Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting 30th May 2024

I would like to present the 2023-24 Chairmans Annual Parish Report on behalf of Silk Willoughby Parish Council.

I'm only going to touch on a few points from this past year:

- We have worked closely with LCC Highways Department on a couple of projects including having the road surface water from near the pond on London Rd redirected so it no longer flows into the pond, causing possible pollution.
- Whilst this work was being carried out, we have also managed to ensure the natural spring water still goes directly into the pond, to ensure a fresh supply of water continuously goes into the pond.
- We have addressed resident's concerns about the road surface along London Rd and LCC have carried out resurfacing works.
- We have installed white gates and the memorial bench; both have received very positive comments from residents.
- We have created a winter plan information sheet with emergency phone numbers and advice on where to get sand within the village. This was widely used by residents when we had the storms and even other local PCs have praised the sheet and are looking to create their own.
- The last 6 months have been challenging and busy, as we are all aware the VH committee and the charity are in the process of closing. This has caused an enormous amount of extra work for the PC. We have never been in this situation before and we have been continuing to seek advice and guidance from different agencies to ensure the PC move the VH in the right direction going forward.

Future Projects:

- The PC would like to look at various heritage projects within the village. We have already met with the Heritage Officer from NKDC and have spoken about and voted on looking into the restoration of the Village Pump, hopefully this will be the starting point for many projects to look after the special features we have within our beautiful village.
- The transition of the VH to the PC and the continuation of the PO will be a huge project this coming year.

I'm sure more ideas and problems will arise, however, please be assured the PC will do its best to look after the interests of the village.

I would like to thank:

- All members of the Parish Council for their continued support.
- The PC is a **team effort**, we all have different ideas and strengths and that is what makes Silk Willoughby PC what it is today.
- We all attend meetings, give valuable thoughts, ideas, comments, not always agreeing but without doubt, **everyones** supportive efforts have helped to keep our village a place we all want to live in.

Our collective thanks go to:

- Cllr Hagues and Cllr Jackson for their continued support and input.
- Rowena our Parish Clerk who carries out her role with patience and humour.

This brings an end to my report.

The Annual Parish Council meeting will start at 7.00pm.

Thankyou all for attending tonight, please let me know if you would like to raise any points or have any questions.