

## HISTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of meeting held on Zoom, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 7pm

**Present:** Denis Payne (Chairman)

Note takers: Chelsea O'Brien; Theresa King, Amelia Luck

**Participants: 44**

### 1 **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN**

The Parish meetings were held concurrently. Denis Payne, Chairman of Histon & Impington Parish Council welcomed all to the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting of Histon Parish

### 2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Ashley Gordon

### 3 **MINUTES OF THE 125<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

No matters raised, Chair signed the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting

### 4 **CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT**

Chairman's slideshow presentation was shared for all. He highlighted aspects covering:

- Impact of COVID to lives and the economy
- Office staff working from home
- Groundstaff continuing to maintain open spaces in the villages
- Projects and partnerships initiated with the Parish Council
- Local Plan and planning developments
- Closure of facilities and retail outlets
- Councillors and staff transitioning to work from Zoom
- COVID support and community response
- Thank you to keyworkers, NHS staff, village volunteers, Councillors and Parish Council staff
- Cty Cllr Jenkins standing down following 16 years as County Councillor for Histon and Impington

Full version of the Chair's report will be available on the Council website

### 5 **PRESENTATION OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2020-21**

Paper provided to all showing interim end of year accounts. Full report will be available on the Council website. A supporting item will also be published in the June edition of the Hisimp News.

No questions

### 6 **PRESENTATION FROM PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Environment Committee** Chair Pene Nudds introduced herself and shared Presentation, highlighting:

- Collaboration with Cambridge Water and Anglia Water at two village sites following incidents of burst pipes and reinstatement of areas affected
- Maintenance and protection of Open Spaces
- Safety and maintenance of Open Spaces including Tree Surveys, litter picking
- Homefield Park estate railings installed
- Public Art – Phone Box refurbishment and Jelly Mould project
- Partnership working with South Cambs District Council – Brook de-silting and planting project

- Working with village groups to improve open spaces – planting of trees and installation of benches in Manor Field
- Tree Planting to commemorate fallen soldiers at The Copse
- Welcome ideas from residents

**Finance Committee** Chair David Jenkins introduced himself and shared his presentation outlining the works and processes of the Finance Committee, highlighting:

- Relationship with other Council Committees to assist with project support
- Budgets challenged and reviewed
- Cautious year noting income down but need for contingency for COVID support
- Process setting the Precept

**Highways Committee** Chair Yvonne Murray introduced herself and shared Presentation, highlighting:

- Partnership working with County Council to deliver projects
- Aspirations of Committee – monitoring traffic management, transport plan, minimise traffic
- Formulation of LHI applications and success of application 21-22 – highest score of 35 Parishes
- Supporting the Neighbourhood Plan policies to improve moving around the villages safely
- Working with village groups – Speedwatch
- Listening to residents is key
- Increased use of data to support projects
- Maintenance of bus shelters and signage
- Welcome views and ideas from residents

**Planning Committee** – Chair Simon Jocelyn introduced himself and played pre-recorded presentation, covering:

- Impact of development
- How the Committee works and comments on applications
- Protection of village amenities
- Policy driven responses – how the Neighbourhood Plan ensures the right development for the villages
- Approved 52 applications; refused 27
- Welcome residents to attend meetings and respond to applications
- Committee considers small scale extensions to large developments such as the recent Anglia Water Treatment Centre application

**Recreation Committee** – Chair Neil Davies introduced himself and shared Presentation with all, covering:

- Operational support and maintenance of Recreation Ground and sports facilities
- Sports clubs resilience
- Community appreciation of open spaces
- Head Groundsman, Steve Campin 40 years of service
- Aspirations of Committee to acquire more open space
- Collaborative working with village sports groups and organisations
- Milton Road Community Park project
- Thank you and welcome to new members of staff

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### OPEN FORUM

Q – For the purpose of transparency, will the Parish Council consider publishing draft minutes in a timely manner after meetings on the website, rather than waiting for formal approval of minutes

A – Chair confirmed the Parish Council will do our very best to ensure minutes are published in a timely manner on the website following a meeting.

There being no further matters raised, meeting was closed at 8.33 pm