

## LITTLE WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7:30pm in the Tufnell Hall

Present: Councillors            Edith Robertson (Chair)  
   Antony Kingham  
   Melanie Williamson  
   Rupert Watson  
   John Burrow  
Clerk                                Suzanne Walker  
City Councillors            Councillor Knight and Daden  
County Councillor        Councillor Steel  
Ten members of the public were present

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

#### **1 To receive any apologies for absence**

Received from Councillors Allen, Tinson and Tron and from a representative of the Gardening club

#### **2 Consideration and approval of Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

The minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were formally **approved** by Councillors as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

#### **3 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman presented her report for the year which will also be published on the Parish Council website and in the next edition of the magazine.

#### **4 Public Forum**

No Comments

#### **5 Village Reports**

A representative of the Tom Amos Charity provided some background to the Charity and confirmed that since 2009 364 applications have been received with 188 granted and £850,000 distributed including support for students attending University, for schools, youth groups, playgrounds and village halls. Although fewer applications have been received of late the quality is higher with £32,000 being awarded in 2021.

A representative from the Poole and Aleyrn Charity reported that the residents of 8 households were assisted in the last year and also assistance was provided for children to attend school trips.

A representative from the United Reform Church confirmed that Sunday services have resumed and in addition, the church is hosting a coffee and cake get together each Thursday from 10am to 12 noon subject to a small donation and a quiz night is being organised.

A representative from the Patient Participation Group of the local GP surgery explained the role of the PPG to improve communication between the practice and patients including feeding back to the surgery via meetings with the practice manager and issuing a quarterly newsletter. Last year concerns related to Covid vaccinations but current concerns relate to general access to GPs and hospital appointments.

A representative of the Memorial Hall provided an update on the activities and management of the hall including how income is generated by hirers and that the drama group and gardening group have organised shows. During Covid some improvements to the kitchen were put on hold but will now progress. He was pleased to report a good working relationship with the Parish Council and advised that there are plans to organise an event for the centenary of the hall in 2024. Also the hall is hosting a Jubilee tea and cake event on 5<sup>th</sup> June and free refreshments are being provided by the Tesco store Great Notley and that offer was obtained with the assistance of the Parish Council.

A representative of the Channels Residents' Association explained that at present 60% of residents of Channels are located in the Parish of Little Waltham. The association collaborated with the Parish Council by participating in the Community Litter pick. Also, the association was grateful that the Parish Council provided 80% of the funding for the installation of the defibrillator by the skate park. They are also grateful to the Parish Council for a grant to arrange for the construction of a beacon which will be central to the beacon lighting event for the Queen's Jubilee on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. He also thanked the Parish Council for its support in relation to the issue of HGV traffic on the RDR.

Meeting concluded at 7.56