

LITTLE WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 2 April 2024 at 7:30pm at the Memorial Hall, Brook Hill, Little Waltham

Present:	Councillors	Antony Kingham (Chairman) Richard Tinson Rupert Watson Emma Cunningham Lallie Godfrey
	City Councillor	Mike Steel
	Clerk	Michelle Harrison
	Public	9 members of the public were present

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Allen and Burrow. Apologies received from Little Waltham Primary School.

2. Consideration and approval of Minutes of 7 March 2023

The minutes of the meeting of 7 March 2023 were formally approved by Councillors as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman circulated a copy of his report and confirmed that it could also be viewed on the website and in the next edition of the Parish magazine.

4. Public Forum

A resident reported the bins near Winckford Close overflowing. The Clerk noted that this should be reported to Chelmsford City Council. The Councillors noted that they would be discussing the bins in the Parish to try and resolve the matter of overflowing bins.

5. Village Reports

The Clerk read out a written report received from the Good Companions, who thanked the Little Waltham Parish Council for the grant and to help support the group.

The Tom Amos charity reported that in 2023 that £63,000 has been distributed to 16 applications. In 2024 they will be considering the 400th application. The trustees hope that £1 million will be distributed by the end of this year.

The Secretary of the Gardening Club reported the events that were being held, including the annual show. The Club are actively seeking a new secretary and new members and would like to engage further with the community.

A representative from the Drama group reported on a successful year with productions of King Arthur Show with a production of Murder on Que underway. The group is friendly and welcoming, and would like to encourage new members to join.

Poole and Aleyn provided an update to the Council and the services that the charity have supported. The representative commented that the charity required new Trustees and requested for the Parish Council to assist with this recruitment.

A representative from URC detailed the regular events held at the church, including coffee mornings and services. The Church are keen to encourage new members to attend the friendly group.

A representative from St Martin's Church reported that lots of work had been carried out at the church, including external lighting, removal of trees and new hedging. A service is held once a month, it is a challenging time due to dwindling numbers of attendees and a busy vicar. The church would welcome new attendees.

Meeting concluded at 7.58pm