

SOUTH WINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF SOUTH WINGFIELD

Thursday 12th May 2022
Commencing at 6.30pm

Minutes

1. Appointment of clerk to the meeting

Katherine Furby

2. To approve the minutes of previous meeting

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting 13th May 2021. Signed as a true and accurate record.

3. To receive the chairs report for 2020/21

SWPC CHAIRS REPORT 2022

Hello all.

Thank you for my re-election as Chair last year.

It is an honour and a privilege to be a Parish Councillor and more so to be appointed Chair.

Additionally, it is a great feeling working alongside similar minded people, fellow councillors who are all caring and doing the best for our wonderful village.

We have a great clerk in Katherine Furby who despite being a mum to 3 children manages to Clerk our Parish Council and has grown into the job more so and putting her own stamp and style on it.

We are here another year on and seem to have virtually come through the Covid pandemic which may be lingering in some areas and health and age groups and it has caused untold worldwide upset and our condolences and thoughts are with those that have suffered losses in this period.

As a Parish Council we have made calculated, responsible and measured progress and played by the Government rules at all times.

Signed **Date**

The SWPC have continuously moved forward and none more so that with the making, finalising and acceptance of our very own Neighbourhood Plan. This appears to be observed on most planning applications and has assisted greatly in the repelling of certain unacceptable planning matters and very ably supported by many parishioners who have worked together with the appropriate Planning Authorities to apply the said rules within the Plan.

Again, and deservedly so I make reference to our own Parish and Borough Councillor Mrs Valerie Thorpe, she steadfastly does all she can to support and enhance the Parish and surrounding areas for all the residents in many ways from Planning Support to liasons with AVBC and County Council contacts.

All our councillors have special contributions to make and a great collective it is. We are very pleased to welcome some new members in the names of Councillor Jamie Selby and Councillor Tina Fisher-Silk who have already demonstrated their commitment and input to the Parish Council.

The revived new Flood Defence Group is up and running with new members and visions in how best to try and control the unacceptable uncontrolled amount of flooding into our village, not necessarily directly from nature but also by other forces and local discharges into waterways that pass through or terminate in South Wingfield.

We at SWPC contracted a local nursery who supplied and managed floral displays within our village and a repeat is scheduled for the coming year.

Councillor Carole Bonsall whom is our unofficial designated gardening specialist continuously oversees the standards and qualities and standards.

Again, following Covid SWPC organised and held an Annual Remembrance Service at the SWPC memorial gardens in the marketplace, and duly supported by the modern trend of affixing replica poppies to some lamp posts in the village.

We again produced an excellent high standard Christmas Newsletter which was managed by our Clerk and all matters grammar, design and layout were very ably overseen by Councillor Kathryn Lancaster who is a very long standing Councillor and also keeps me in my place.

The allotments in our Parish are ably managed by our Clerk and maintained where appropriate by SWPC.

Naturally, people's lifestyles change and Councillors leave due to family commitments and work etc.

Over the last couple of year's we lost the services of Cllr Jo Miln and Cllr Rachel Pugh Lewis and thank them for their service.

SWPC have finally laid the memorial plaque in memory of the dead of The Wingfield Pits in the Market Place memorial gardens at the lower level with a dedication service due to be organised later this year.

We at SWPC as usual contracted for a fantastic Christmas Tree and Christmas light display to be affixed again in the Market Place.

We also continued with our Community Pantry facility which was very kindly facilitated and supported mostly by Councillor Pat Partington's family who operate a similar facility in the Manchester area but on a much grander scale and are called The Bread and Butter Thing.

We shall continue our facility under a different style in the forthcoming months, and hopefully once again be in a position to deliver a free Christmas hamper to deserving causes in our village.

Signed **Date**

And finally, we are clearing and upgrading the zone known as The Grip with renewed styling and maintenance.

Especially so to install a stone plaque to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee.

*Paul
Chair to SWPC*

4. To receive the annual report from the Newton Charity

Copy of report circulated to Councillors.

5. Matters raised by parishioners

None to report.

6. Register of Councillors attendance 2021/22

Copy of register circulated.

Signed **Date**