

Minutes of **Foulsham Annual Parish Meeting**
held on **Wednesday 26th May 2021** at **19:00**
in the **New Frost Hall**

Present: G. Fearn (Chair) L. Riddett S. Stilgoe C. Ferris
J. Duck C. Taylor

In attendance: Clerk & 2 members of the public

Apologies: G. Peck K. Hambrook

001. Minutes of previous meeting, held on 8th May 2019

Acceptance of the previous minutes was proposed by L Riddett and seconded by S Stilgoe.
Approved.

002. Annual report from the Chair of Foulsham Parish Council

The Chair read his annual report:

We have had a difficult year with the challenge of the Covid-19 virus and conducting Parish Council meetings via Zoom, which was erratic to say the least. We managed to achieve some progress, in that we had phase 2 completed for the street lighting. This entailed the updating of street lights which were located on telegraph poles. These fittings had become corroded and dangerous.

We did manage to eventually get three trees (hornbeams) planted at the top of Twyford Lane, where the hedgerow had died off leaving gaps in the wildlife highway. There is a possibility that we could plant two more at the bottom end of the lane.

The Football club are looking to improve the playing pitch and to obtain two portable dugouts for matches this season. The pitch is not too level and could do with some improvements if possible.

During the Spring, we purchased a quantity of snowdrops in the green, which are being planted in the Memorial Gardens in the marketplace and some in the hedgerow on Twyford Lane.

During the early Spring, we had the lettering on the War Memorial repainted and it is looking smart again.

During the Autumn, the SAM2 speed sign was found to be faulty and we have had it tested and overhauled with a new radar unit fitted and two new batteries purchased. This is now up and running in the marketplace.

I would urge the residents of the village to use the bottle bank and paper bank from which we receive recycling credits, which we use to help fund various projects around the village, such as the "Reclaim the Lane" project, to which we donated £500.

I would like to thank the litter picking group who try to keep the village tidy, a difficult task in the recent periods of lockdown. Thank you for your hard work.

I would also like to thank Leeroy for his hard work in keeping the playing field and churchyard clean and tidy, and finally a big thank you to Mike, our Clerk to the Parish Council, for his efficient and reliable work throughout this difficult year.

While I'm handing our thank-yous, we should thank Greg Peck for all his help, support and advice over the last year.

With that, I submit my report for the past year, despite the highs and lows of Covid, and wish you all well in the coming months.

*Thank you,
G M Fearn
Chair of Foulsham Parish Council*

003. Annual report from the Chair of the Frost Hall Committee

The annual report from the Chair of the Frost Hall Committee was circulated.

004. Annual report from the Trustees of the Foulsham Relief in Need Charity

The clerk read the annual report from the Trustees of the Foulsham Relief in Need Charity.

005. Annual report from the District Councillor

None

006. Any other business

None

Meeting closed at 19:11