

Norbury Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd May 2024 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs A Evans, K Stubbs, P Turnock, P Rushton, S Ellis, P Rushton, A Palmer and J Cooper, Clerk along with Borough Councillor S Spencer, one member of the public representing St Peter's Church

1 Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr W Marginson

2 Reports from the Clerk and Chair

The report gave the following details:

Elections were held in May 2023 and 6 councillors re-elected. At the annual meeting, Cllr Evans was elected Chair and Cllr Turnock elected Vice Chair. Cllr Ellis was co-opted onto the council in September 2023.

Ten parish council meetings were held during the year as well as a parish meeting. During the council year, 9 planning applications were considered and responses sent to the relevant Case Officers at Stafford Borough Council.

Following receipt of a grant from Stafford Borough Council totalling £300, commemorative stone planters were purchased, filled and fitted to commemorate the Coronation of The King.

Highways defects are reported at every council meeting and details sent to Staffordshire County Council. A meeting with a highways representative was held in January 2024 to identify serious road issues.

Reports are made frequently to Streetscene to clear fly tipping or debris on pavements.

Donations were awarded to First Responders, Katharine House Hospice, Royal British Legion, The Samaritans and to the Parish Magazine to help with printing costs.

The Council was represented at the Remembrance Sunday service in November 2023.

Grass cutting at the village hall, church, around the war memorial and phone box is managed using a local contractor.

Civic Amenity Visits are arranged twice per year.

Finances are monitored and audited at the end of the financial year. VAT was reclaimed in February 2024, adequate insurance is in place. An annual budget is agreed as well as the precept for the following year.

3 Reports from Borough Councillors

A verbal report from Cllr Spencer was received. Main topics covered were about the new administration at Stafford Borough Council, new strategies of working and Stafford Borough Council's Local Plan which remains in draft format and is unlikely to be complete this year. There will be changes as a result of a change of Government.

4 Report from County Councillor

There was no report.

5 Reports from representatives of village groups and organisations

A report was received from the Village Hall Committee and Whist Group. A verbal report from St Peter's Church representative was received and welcomed.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm