

Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes Hognaston Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 20th May 2024 at 7.00pm in Hognaston Village Hall.

Councillors present: Cllrs, Dawn Lewis (Chair), George Peach (Vice-Chair), John Thornley and Annie Webster.

In attendance: Colin Swindell (Clerk), PCSO Elaine Porter and Tony Clarke (representing Hognaston Village Hall and Hognaston Church).

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APM24/1 Welcome by the Chair of the Parish Council	The Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Dawn Lewis, welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for coming.									
APM24/2 Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Alan Cribbens (HPC) and Cllr Dermot Murphy (DCC and DDDC).									
APM24/3 Confirmation of minutes	The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2023 were circulated to the members of the public. The minutes were agreed as a true record.									
APM23/4 Clerk's financial report	The Clerk reported the following on the Parish Council's finance over 2023/24: The Parish Council's income and expenditure over 2023/24 was as follows: <table><tr><td>Income:</td><td>£ 5,415.32</td><td>(down £ 1,919.28 on 2022/23)</td></tr><tr><td>Expenditure:</td><td>£ 6,461.68</td><td>(down £ 295.51 on 2022/23)</td></tr><tr><td>Balance:</td><td>- £ 1,046.36</td><td></td></tr></table> This resulted in an annual surplus of £577.41 (up £673.90 on 2021/22) The precept for 2024/25 was set at £ 6,580.00 (an increase of £1,880.00) or 40% to meet a budget requirement of £ 8,180.00. The increase was 40% or £ 15.00 pa for a Band D property. The financial figures were noted.	Income:	£ 5,415.32	(down £ 1,919.28 on 2022/23)	Expenditure:	£ 6,461.68	(down £ 295.51 on 2022/23)	Balance:	- £ 1,046.36	
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APM23/5 Chair's report	The Chair of Hognaston Parish Council, Cllr Dawn Lewis, reported the following: - The start of 2023/24 saw two new Councillors join the Parish Council. Cllr Alan Cribbens MBE and Cllr John Thornley OBE have been a very welcome and valued addition to the team. - The Parish Council has worked hard to tackle a number of local and ongoing matters with a particular focus on highways matters, including quiet lanes, parking and priority markings. - Thanks were expressed to former Councillor Chris Stait for the work he did on the Community Speed Watch. The sessions are no longer taking place and new volunteers would be welcome to take up the role. - The Parish Council is looking for suggestions from parishioners on the best way to spend the Jubilee Grant of £500. At present, the Council plans to install a bench on the Village Green, but feedback on this proposal and/or alternative suggestions would be welcome. - Thanks to a grant from Cllr Dermot Murphy's Community Leadership Scheme, the Parish Council is moving ahead with plans to install an information board in the village. - The Parish Council has installed a new inclusive picnic bench in the play area and minor repairs to play equipment and the gate will be carried out soon. - The Council has been successful in improving its communication with parishioners using HogNews, the Parish Council Facebook page, the village Facebook page, website and a									

	quarterly newsletter. - Very soon works will be carried to fell the diseased ash tree on the Village Green and the removal of the dead elm tree on the play area. - The Parish Council continues to support and maintain the 2 defibrillators in the village. - A grant of £500 has been given to the Church to assist with grounds maintenance. - The Parish Council has supported the community in opposing unsuitable planning applications, including 'Café and Machine' at the Knockerdown Inn, South Bard at Overtown and a glamping site at Turlowfields. - The Parish Council held a village meeting with Sarah Dines MP which proved popular.
APM23/6 District & County Councillors reports	There was no District Councillor nor County Councillor present.
APM23/7 Update from Village Hall trustees	The following report was given by Tony Clarke on behalf of the Village Hall trustees: - The Village Hall continues to be well used by community groups and there are a good number of activities which take place on a regular basis. - The Village Hall finances are sustainable and healthy. - A new automatic door has been installed which has improved access for disabled people and wheelchair users. - There is a need to upgrade the floor in the Village Hall for which grant funding is to be sourced. The hall also needs redecorating and this should be done soon. - The Committee is looking at carrying out repairs to the gates at the entrance to the car park. This is to improve security. - It would be nice to see more community groups use the Village Hall – not only to support the facility but to enhance community cohesion.
APM23/8 Update from Parochial Church Council	The following report was given by Tony Clarke on behalf of the Village Hall trustees: - A new noticeboard has been installed. - The £500 grant from the Parish Council was very welcome and much appreciated. - The Church is lucky to have a good team of volunteers who help keep the churchyard maintained and tidy. - The Church is working towards an eco-award. The Church is currently at bronze level and working towards gold standard. - The Church is looking to upgrade the heating in the building. - Services are going well and reasonably well attended. - Coffee mornings continue and will be moving back into the Church for the summer. - There will be a celebration of Bartholomew's Day in August 2024.
APM23/9 Update from the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)	The following report was given by PCSO Elaine Porter on behalf of the Wirksworth SNT: - There is concern over reports of speeding buses through the village. It was advised that residents contact the bus companies when they believe buses are travelling too fast. - Illegal and inconsiderate parking remains a major area of concern in Hognaston. - The SNT would like to see the Community Speed Watch reestablished to highlight community concern and tackle the issue. There is, however, an understanding that willing volunteers are hard to come by. - Derbyshire has a new Police and Crime Commissioner who will be setting out policing priorities in the coming months. - 'Street Meets' continue but turnout from the community is often low. The SNT welcome any suggestions on improving engagement between the community and the SNT.
APM23/10 Public open forum	None.

The meeting closed at 8.23pm