



# HALLOW PARISH COUNCIL

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**DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting** of Hallow Parish Council held on **22<sup>ND</sup> May 2023** held at **Hallow Parish Church**

**PRESENT:** Hazel Kemshall, Lorna Marson, James Rose, and Lynne Ambury (Clerk)

**In Attendance:** Approximately 78 members of the Public in attendance

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Malcolm Silvester, Jason Walker
- 2. Approval of the Minutes and Chairs Annual report September 2021**  
HK proposed accepting the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes and report; JR seconded and all Cllrs agreed.
- 3. Presentation of Chair's Annual Report for 2023-** (available on the parish website and via [hallowparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:hallowparishcouncil@gmail.com)).

Cllr Kemshall thanked all for attending and noted the content of the Parish Meeting

The main items of the Chair's Annual report were then addressed, and the following items were noted:

- Finances are in good shape and the precept remained the same, but because spread over more households the individual burden fell by -1.4%
- We commented on a great many planning applications including a larger application for 40 homes.
- We continued to manage our land assets, informed by assessments and advice from Worcestershire Wildlife Consultancy
- We repaired the car park, and other general maintenance around the parish.
- We progressed the pavilion planning application and received positive pre-application feedback from MHDC and we are progressing to full application.
- Water to the allotments

## **HPC supported the following events and organisations**

- Jubilee event and tree planting
- Coronation picnic and tree planting
- Maypole dancing and Hallow School
- Car boots where weather permitted
- Sporting activities Hallow Playing Field
- Scouts



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### **Main projects for the 2022-2023 entailed**

- Improvements to the Old Churchyard
- Public Rights of Way (PROWS) and identifying 3 walks around the Village
- Revision of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

### **Future Initiatives for 2023**

- Public Rights of Way
- Formation of a task Group for Speeding within the Village
- Hollybank

The Chairman thanked all those groups who have supported the Parish Council's work this last year. So much is only achieved through this collaborative work, and the PC appreciate what other groups do and the willingness to work together for the parish. The Chair offered individual thanks and certificates to:

Paul Clarke and Anne Holmes for all the assistance with the Revised NDP plan as well as the PROW piece of work.

Michael Ganner for the support of the planting of the Coronation Tree as well as arranging the water to the allotments.

David Thorpe for all the work he and the Volunteers have done at the Old Churchyard

Joy Fulcher for always helping the HPC and all the hard work she does alongside the Village Community Group such as the Jubilee and Coronation events.

A further huge thank you to John Gwilliam for his major contribution to the tidiness and welcoming atmosphere at the playing field and play area and Hollybank- the public in attendance agreed that Mr Gwilliam's work was appreciated.

The Chair expressed her personal thanks to her fellow councillors who work really hard behind the scenes and work respectfully together to get things done. Thanks, were also expressed to the Parish Clerk Mrs Lynne Ambury who has worked with great efficiency.

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WERE OFFERED AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT DISPLAYS BY THE PARISH COUNCIL, THE TENNIS CLUB AND THE RSPB, AND TO CHAT INFORMALLY WITH COUNCILLORS AND OTHER RESIDENTS.**

**HALLOW PARISH COUNCIL THANKS ALL THOSE GROUPS AND PERSONS WHO SUPPORTED THIS EVENT, AND TO ST PHILIPS AND ST JAMES CHURCH FOR HOSTING THE EVENT.**