



HALLOW PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT Minutes of the Annual General Parish Meeting of Hallow Parish Council held on **23RD May 2022** held at **Hallow Parish Church**

PRESENT: Hazel Kemshall, Malcolm Silvester, Jason Walker, Lorna Marson, James Rose, and Lynne Ambury (Clerk)

In Attendance: Approximately 50 members of the Public in attendance and range of village groups were represented.

1. Apologies for Absence: NONE

2. Approval of the Minutes and Chairs Annual report September 2021

HK proposed accepting the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes and report; MS seconded and all Cllrs agreed.

3. Presentation of Chair's Annual Report for 2022- (available on the parish website and via hallowparishcouncil@gmail.com). Copies of the report were distributed at the meeting.

Cllr Kemshall thanked all for attending and noted the content of the Parish Meeting in August **1993** in which many of the same concerns as today were being discussed, including traffic calming, dogs on the playing field, the state of Public Footpaths and the Old Churchyard. It was humorously noted that many issues recur and persist, and that the parish council's main job was to keep tackling them!

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

- The Parish Council have looked after, and where possible improved, it's various assets including
 - new litter bins
 - repairs and replacement of play equipment
 - new football posts and line marker
 - Defibrillator at the Parish Hall
 - installed CCTV for the protection of the hall, scout hut, and car park
 - granted money to the Scouts to help with the refurbishment and granted a 25-year lease
 - used grant money to purchase Hallow Allotments, and to begin the process of installing water on site
 - completed our tree pruning across the village to improve safety issues, and access to PROWS, and around the playing field
 - begun PROW improvement and clearance
 - purchased a new VAS speeding alert system and requested WCC speeding data to ensure we locate it in best possible sites.
- The Chair outlined the use of Section 106 or Community Infrastructure Levy grants to achieve these improvements, outlining the major expenditure:
 - £10,000 to assist with the Scout Hut refurbishment
 - £10,000 to buy the allotments; money to the CCTV; and £39,000 for play equipment and repair.



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- The PC's financial position is sound, and the accounts have been completed for 2021-22 and will go for external audit shortly. The PC reluctantly raised the precept in anticipation of increased costs for 2022-23, in line with the MHDC increase of 3.8%.

The full Annual Report for 2022 is available on the website at: <https://www.hallowpc.co.uk> or by contacting the Clerk on hallowparishcouncil@gmail.com or 07813 728061

Questions and comments from the Public

- If the S106 and CIL monies could be made available to the Community to view. The Clerk will arrange for this to go on the Parish Website and will place them on the notice boards.
- The condition of the Parish Car Park is a concern. Cllrs HK and MS will investigate further.
- Whether the Car Park could be increased, Cllr HK explained that the Parish Council had looked into this a few years ago however the area available would not be large enough when taking into consideration that the parking area needs to be double the size of a car and this would then encroach on the Cricket Pitch
- The big, dilapidated house with the huge trees which are pushing the low wall over, right opposite the main door to The Crown and next to the bus stop. It's a real eye sore and part of the wall has already fallen down. This is needing urgent attention –however is not Council land and therefore not enforceable by the Council.
- Thank you to the Parish Council for the installation of the CCTV- Cllr Kemshall emphasised the importance of reporting incidents to the Clerk so that the CCTV images could be sent to West Mercia police in a timely manner. Two incidents have already been reported and warning letters issued.
- Acknowledgement of the repairs to the Scout Hut and how much better it looked. Cllr Kemshall emphasised that it was within the Scout lease that the hut could be used by other Hallow groups during the day with the PC's permission.

3.Suggestions for future Parish activities and initiatives

The following Future work for the PC has been presented and agreed in principle

- 3.1 To identify a number of kissing gates and other gates that present access challenges to change them for more accessible gate types.
- 3.2 We have commissioned architectural advice re the Pavilion and have 3 styles to present to the Parish for feedback and thoughts.
- 3.3 We are seeking views on the use of, and location of, the BT phone box.

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 PC are also grateful to our key suppliers who do so much around the parish, particularly to keep things looking nice and enabling groups to use the key assets such as the playing field, the Green, and Hollybank. The Chair offered a huge thank you to John Gwilliam



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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 to make so much happen since her appointment in Sept 2021.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WERE OFFERED AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT DISPLAYS BY THE PARISH COUNCIL, A RANGE OF VILLAGE GROUPS, A HISTORY OF HALLOW DISPLAY, AND TO CHAT INFORMALLY WITH COUNCILLORS AND OTHER RESIDENTS. DISPLAYS REMAINED UP UNTIL MAY 27TH.

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.