

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Forthampton Parish Council held on Thursday 20 May 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Mrs L Remmer, J Holloway, M Russell, G Bloxham, C Moss

In attendance: R Ascough, A Brown, P Coleman, J & C De Haan, H & I Graham, S MacQuillan, P Remmer

- 1 Appointment of Chairman – It was proposed by MR and seconded by JH that Lynda Remmer be elected as Chairman.
- 2 Appointment of Vice Chairman – LR proposed JH as Vice Chairman and this was seconded by A Brown.
- 3 The Chairman welcomed everyone and introduced the Parish Council members to the meeting. The Chairman gave her report covering the two years since the last AGM in 2019 including thanking the many people who had helped in various ways during the pandemic, volunteer grass cutters, litter pickers, DofE award students etc. Ongoing items still include verges, ditches, road conditions, speeding, footpaths, possible housing development, supporting the church and village hall. The village hall committee were thanked for all the improvements to the hall and also for the Christmas Tree event. JH proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for all her hard work over the years and this was unanimously agreed.
- 4 Financial Report and Accounts 2020/21 – For the tenth year, the Council was able to maintain the Precept at £3000. The accounts were presented and copies passed around. Discussion took place and questions answered. The accounts were approved.
- 5 The Annual Governance Statement was considered, approved and signed off by the Chairman and Clerk.
- 6 The Accounting Statements were considered, approved and signed off by the Chairman and Clerk.
- 7 The Exemption Certificate was approved and signed off by the Chairman and Clerk.
- 8 Any Other Business:
  - 8.1 A Brown asked if the Parish Council would consider funding a village hall sign – this was acceptable and will be discussed at a forthcoming meeting.
  - 8.2 S MacQuillan asked about speeding through the village and whether any electronic signs or alternatives could be considered. This will be discussed at a further meeting and the Highways Department will be contacted to see what is possible.
  - 8.3 P Coleman asked if it was possible for all the various organisations within the village (Parish Council, Village Hall Committee, Working Men’s Club, church) to get together for a “brain storming” meeting with presentations from each. We will wait to see if everything is open after June 21 before arranging this.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.