

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Forthampton Parish Council held on Thursday 16 May 2024 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Mrs L Remmer, J Holloway, M Russell, C Moss, S Holden
In attendance: Louise Moss, Peter Remmer, Ian Colman, Veronica Russell, Julian De Haan
Apologies: Anabel MacKinnon

- 1 Appointment of Chairman – It was proposed by John Holloway and seconded by Carl Moss that Lynda Remmer be elected as Chairman.
- 2 Appointment of Vice Chairman – LR proposed John Holloway as Vice Chairman and this was seconded by MR.
- 3 Minutes of 2023 AGM –The minutes were approved and signed.
- 4 Chairman’s Report - The Chairman welcomed everyone and gave her report covering the year ended April 2024. It had been a fairly quiet year with business as usual. The foul ditches relating to some Bishops Walk properties has been resolved; a new kissing gate has been installed on one of the footpaths with a contribution from the county council; the Christmas Tree event was supported again, to name some of the activities. It was also decided that the council would meet every two months. The main problem to resolve is the road condition in Church Lane, which is ongoing. The Chairman thanked the councillors and the clerk for their hard work during the year. JH proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for all her hard work over the year and this was unanimously agreed.
- 5 Financial Report and Accounts 2023-24 – The Council was again 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 – proposed by JH and seconded by MR.
- 6 The Annual Governance Statement was considered, approved and signed off by the Chairman and Clerk.
- 7 The Accounting Statements were considered, approved and signed off by the Chairman and Clerk.
- 8 The Exemption Certificate was approved and signed off by the Chairman and Clerk.
- 9 Questions:
 - 9.1 IC said the problems with sewage runoff from some Bishops Walk properties does not appear to have been resolved – this will be passed to the Environment Agency for advice. The problem with water on the road near Southfield was also raised. Both these items will be passed on to the Estate.
 - 9.2 Discussion on the telegraph poles in the Nabletts, - the meeting was informed that they will be taken down in July.
 - 9.3 The meeting was informed that the old Bushley garage is being changed into a new petrol station and small shop but not a “farm shop” as the legislation for this is too onerous. Possible opening in autumn 2024.
 - 9.4 Still waiting to hear from GCC regarding the cutting of the verges within the village.

The AGM was followed by a short Parish Council meeting.

- 1A Minutes of the council meeting held on 11 April were discussed and approved.

- 2A Highways – SH will contact Highways with regard to the general condition of roads within the village, especially Church Lane. Letters have already been sent to the departments concerned.
- 3A PCSO event – The police were unable to attend but a refresher session was held with regard to first aid and defibrillator use. The newly installed second defibrillator was opened and explanations on its use given.

The next parish council meeting is arranged for 11 July at 7.45pm in the village hall.

LR thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Cheques approved:

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