

Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting
held at Kirdford Village Hall on Monday 15th April 2024 at 7.15pm

Present:

Cllr Mrs A Gillett
Cllr Mr T Piedade
Cllr Mr A Campbell
Cllr Mrs N Goddard
Cllr Mr T Brooks
Cllr Mr A Persson
Cllr Mr A Vernon

In attendance:
Members of public: 1
Parish Clerk

1. Apologies: Cllr Janet Duncton, Cllr Gareth Evans.
2. Declarations of Interest. None Received
3. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 17th April 2023 were approved.
4. Chairman's Report. The Chairman gave the following report:

Good evening and welcome to the 2024 Annual Meeting of Electors for Kirdford. This meeting provides you with an opportunity to hear what the Parish Council have been doing over the past year.

Firstly, and most importantly, I would like to thank all our Parish Councillors, as well as our District and County Councillors for their continued hard work and support.

On behalf of everyone, I would especially like to say a massive thank you to Lynne, our Clerk who works with unfailing diligence to keep us on task and ensure we are compliant.

This past year has been dominated by the problems of water; either not enough (water neutrality) or too much (floods) and of course potholes! We have also had the usual collection of ditches, drains, speeding, footpaths, planning applications, Winter Management Plan, Health and Safety and of course dog poo to deal with!

As a Parish Council, we have discussed a number of substantial projects over the past twelve months, all of which have taken up a tremendous amount of our time and energy. I am delighted to report that the refurbishment of the Recreation Ground pavilion has started and will be completed before the summer. Our planning application has been submitted for a replacement pavilion on Great Common plus the extension of the village hall and the reroofing of the village hall is due to be completed this summer. The future of Crouchlands Farm, Lagoon 3 and Foxbridge are still of concern, and we monitor any updates carefully.

The Plaistow Road site has now welcomed some residents but the majority of the houses have yet to be sold. We are still awaiting the outcome of the outline planning application for 70 dwellings on the

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land south of Townfield. We continue to strongly object to this development as it is contrary to our Neighbourhood Plan.

The expansion of Gatwick and the Noise Management issues are still ongoing. We are kept well informed and are regularly updated on any relevant issues.

The celebrations we held last summer for King Charles III coronation were very much enjoyed by the village despite the weather. Bonfire Night was rather different as the Foresters was closed and the rain relentless. However, it was another special occasion when the village came together to support us.

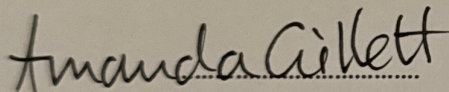
Attending Parish Council meetings is only one small part of being a parish councillor. To support our parish your councillors volunteer with enthusiasm, dedication and tireless commitment. Their expertise, energy and support makes Kirdford the village we all love and care for. I would like to thank each and every one of you, as well as our Clerk. We also all thank Janet Duncton, Gareth Evans and Charles Todhunter for their continued advice and support.

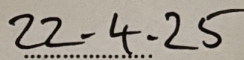
Thank you.

Amanda Gillett

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There were no questions from members of the public.


Chairman


Date