

TRAWDEN FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024

Meeting started 6.45pm

Present

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| Chairman Barry Hodgson | Clerk Adele Waddington | Councillor Eleanor Jolley |
| Councillor Ann Holmes | Councillor David Barritt | Councillor Mark Watts |
| Councillor Philippa Osborne | Councillor Malcolm Pate | |

To elect a Chairman of the Parish Council

Cllr Hodgson is willing to stand again, to be Chair of the Parish Council, and hopes that the Vice Chair would train for the forthcoming year to take the seat of Chair in May 2025.

It was resolved that Cllr Hodgson continue to be Chair of the Parish Council.

To elect a Vice-chair of the Council

It was resolved that Cllr Holmes would become Vice Chair of the Parish Council, with a view to becoming Chair in 2025.

To accept Apologies for Absence

Councillor Andrea Beswick, Councillor Jonathan Wiggins

To record Declarations of Interest from members

Councillors confirmed that their current Declaration of Interest forms are correct.

Questions from members of the public

None present.

Annual report from the Chair of the Parish Council

Chairman Hodgson thanked the Clerk for her hard work again, throughout the last year and thanked all the Councillors for their support and continued contribution within the Parish. Thanks were conveyed to Trawden in Bloom, CCllr Purcell and Cllr S Cockburn-Price. The biggest achievement has been the transfer of Ball Grove Park which is proving to be a big undertaking, but hopefully once a routine is established it will become much easier.

It was a privilege to meet Princess Anne on her recent visit which helps put our village, and its achievements on the map. The Parish has a vast number of volunteers and the time put in by all these volunteers and Parish Councillors helps make our community a much better place. It is no one individual that has done this, but a collective effort by all. Chairman Hodgson is proud to lead the Council at this time and feels that if you don't put anything in, you don't get anything out. The playground updates have been completed in a short space of time, and it now looks great. Issues are still outstanding with proposed double yellow lines at Hollin Hall, the egress of Boulsworth Drive and the parking issues on the church corner and the drain on Burnley Road. It is positive that the Parish Council has put forward suggestion of parking on spare land at Trawden Road, and we await the outcome of this decision. The wall at Spring Garden Villas still needs repairing and it is good to see that Winewall Road has been resurfaced. The bus shelter at Trawden Road is vastly improved now that the roof has been repaired.

Cllr Holmes joined the meeting

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Appointment of the Representative to Attend Meetings of The Colne and District Committee meetings

Chairperson Hodgson is still willing to attend any meetings where there is any outstanding issue for the Trawden Parish. Cllr Holmes will attend some of the meeting with Cllr Hodgson in order to learn the system of this meeting. Ongoing, the Chair and Vice Chair will attend alternate meetings.

Appointment of Representatives onto the Planning Committee

It was resolved that Chairperson Hodgson, Cllr Barritt, Cllr Osborne and Cllr Jolley are the appointed members the Planning Committee. Terms of reference approved and re-adopted.

Appointment of Representatives for Trawden in Bloom

It was resolved that Cllr Barritt continue to be the liaison on the Trawden in Bloom Committee. Terms of reference approved and re-adopted.

Appointment of Representatives to HR Committee

It was resolved that Chairperson Hodgson, Cllr Osborne, Cllr Holmes and Cllr Watts are the appointed members of the HR Committee.

Appointment of Representatives of Ball Grove Park Management Committee

It was resolved that Chairperson Hodgson, Cllr Pate, Cllr Jolley and the Clerk would represent the Parish Council where necessary and assist with the management of the Park.

Appointment of Representatives for School Governor

It was resolved that Cllr Jolley continue to be the Parish Council representative as School Governor.

Appointment of Representatives regarding the Recreation Ground acquisition

It was resolved that Chairperson Hodgson, Cllr Holmes, Cllr Osborne and the Clerk would act as representatives for the acquisition of the Recreation Ground.

Appointment of Representatives regarding The Parish Council Allotment site

It was resolved that the Allotments Association will continue to do the day-to-day running of the Allotments site. The Clerk will still be responsible for the invoicing and collection of tenancy fees.

Bank Account Signatories

It was resolved that the current signatories continue whilst banking with Virgin Bank. The Clerk to look at alternative banking options before any further signatories are approved.

To consider the presented Audit of The Accounts.

It was resolved that the Annual Governance Statement and Statement of Accounts (Section 1) contained in the Annual Return for the year ended 31/03/24, presents fairly the financial position of the council and its income and expenditure, or properly presents receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31/03/24. Total =£160,652 were seen by all members of the Parish Council. £129,922 has been spent, and there was £121,480 income. All councillors were issued with the Year End budget sheet for their records.

Meeting Closed 7.00pm

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