

Minutes of the **Fifth Annual Parish Meeting** of **Langwith Parish Council** held at 4:00pm on Tuesday 18th May 2021 at **The Arc, High Street, Clowne, Derbyshire, S43 4JY**

PRESENT

Cllr. S Berry Cllr. C Dale Cllr. B Elliott – Vice Chairman Cllr. H Hornsby Cllr. C Kane Cllr. M Mitchell Cllr. S Peake – Chairman Cllr. A Rozynska Cllr. K Sharpe Cllr. J Smith

Mrs J Jeffery - Parish Clerk & RFO

IN ATTENDANCE: Members of the public (O) Mrs A Tonge – MINUTE CLERK Cllr. S Fritchley – BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

2021/015 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence had been received or were tendered on behalf of;

Cllr. T Elliott – Work Commitments Cllr. L Fritchley – Work Commitments

RESOLVED: That the apologies and reasons for absence be accepted.

2021/016 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

Cllr. Peake welcomed everyone to the 5th Annual Elector's Parish Meeting and thanked Elected Members for their efforts and support during the past twelve months recognising that it had been a difficult year due to Covid -19.



Cllr. Peake went on to report on other activities in the area over the previous twelve months which in brief included;

NOTES FROM CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

- Throughout the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns, the parish workforce had continued with their normal duties; of course, socially distanced from members of the community.
- Cllr. Peake asked that the Council's thanks be noted to the volunteer members of the public who were regularly litter picking in the area. Litter was a constant problem, and their assistance is greatly appreciated.
- The Workforce had completed various maintenance tasks at the Village Hall including renovating the floor.
- To commemorate Armistice Day a poppy garden was created in front of the Village Hall and at the roundabout of the Langwith junction with 121 crosses and the names of the Langwith people who died in both world wars. Due to Covid restrictions the Remembrance Day service was not able to take place, so Reverend John Draycott had said a few words at the cenotaph at the Holy Cross church where wreaths were laid for both churches.
- Because of lock down restrictions, we had been unable to hold our yearly children's Christmas party, so staff and Father Christmas (Cllr B Elliot) delivered selection boxes and an apple and orange to each child in our Primary schools.
- The Christmas lights were put up again by our workforce and received some nice comments, we hope to increase these yearly.
- Due to Covid 19 restrictions we had been unable to hold any of our usual Christmas events; in place of the children's Christmas party, staff and Father Christmas (Cllr B Elliot) delivered selection boxes and an apple and orange to each child in our Primary schools and in place of the Senior Citizens Christmas Party we delivered sixty Christmas dinners, a pudding and a gift. The meals were cooked by the Lemon Tree Café at Langwith, and we have received lots of wonderful comments on the meals, so a big thank you to the Lemon Tree, staff and also the volunteers that helped to deliver them. We also delivered a basket of goodies to the staff at the Oaklands Care home and the Limes who are doing a fantastic job keeping residents safe.
- We are still experiencing some vandalism on our children's play areas; this is costing us all a lot of money. If you see this happening, please report it.
- A new bus shelter has been erected on Chatsworth Avenue Langwith junction and one has been ordered for Main Street, Whaley Thorns. All of these have had to be replaced through vandalism. We must try to stamp this out.
- The Parish Council is looking at updating the Recreation Road play area at Langwith Junction. The community contribution from the Gleason development on Primrose Way will go towards this.



- There are many holes appearing on our roads, and these have been reported to Derbyshire County Council (DCC). The crossing at the bottom of pit Hill has been reported for the second time as you have difficulty seeing it when approaching; DCC seem to think it is not faint enough and does not need doing.
- Some groups and businesses have returned to the Community Centre due to the easing of lock down.
- Mick Chapman who had overseen the daily running of our allotments has stepped down due to ill health. I would like to send him a letter of thanks for all of his help over the last few years. The site is now being run by Mr C Dobbs and Mr A Pittaway.
- I have continued to provide support to Rhubarb Farm with the help of delivering food packages to the vulnerable during the pandemic.
- As lockdown restrictions ease we look forward to planning events for the future.

2021/017 ELECTORS PARTICIPATION.

No Electors were present at the meeting.

SIGNED: CHAIRMAN