



**Minutes of the Great Notley Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday
9th May 2022 at the Community Centre Great Notley**

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Griffin (Chair) Butland, Crawford, Cunningham,
Pritchard, Ricci, Sheppard and the Clerk
9 members of the public were present

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from representatives of Notley Green School, White Court School and the GP surgery.

2. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 12th April 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2021 were **agreed** by Councillors as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. To receive reports from Parish organisations and groups

A representative from the Notley Green Community Association (NGCA) reported that due to Covid the fete had been cancelled in 2021 but the NGCA had organised a pantomime for Christmas which was very popular. Thanks was provided to the Parish Council for a grant of £350 for the cost of the stage. The event will be repeated for Christmas 2022 as it was so well supported. The NGCA are also organising the fete for the Jubilee weekend and are asking for a grant from the Parish Council which will be considered at the annual meeting following this meeting.

A representative from the WI provided a report on the activities of that organisation in the Parish including a photo competition for a calendar, a series of talks and activities including upskilling events. Also, theatre trips, rural rambles and taking part in a Poppy Quest treasure hunt. There are also sub groups for gardening, knit and natter and they hope to set up a cinema sub group. They have recently received a lottery grant of £3,356 which will be used on craft activities. In the community they provided poppy decorations for Remembrance Sunday, were involved in the Carols around the Christmas tree event and will be decorating the village sign for the Jubilee.

A representative from the Scouts explained that during Covid meetings took place on Zoom and numbers dropped. However, since the reintroduction of face-to-face meetings the numbers are increasing again and there will be a Scout and Beaver camp soon. They are looking to recruit more young people and also leaders. In the community they are providing the Barbeque for the fete, assisted in making Poppies

for the WI in decorating for Remembrance Sunday which the pack also attended and lent the gazebo to the Parish Council for the Carols around the Christmas tree event.

A representative from Carpet Bowls confirmed that matches are now being played again and the district league is due to start again in September.

A representative from the Tesco store confirmed that the store had been involved in the Braintree youth tournament and is involved in the Jubilee fete. The Parish Council was also invited to attend the store one day to have a display and interact with the public to promote the successful Skate project at the RAFT which was partially funded with a grant from Tesco. It would be an opportunity to hold an open forum with residents.

The Parish Council Chairman then thanked all of the Community Groups and their volunteers for their hard work within the Parish.

4. The Parish Council Chairman's report for the year

The Chairman presented her report and confirmed that it will be available to view on the Parish Council website and in the Great Notley Times magazine.

5. District Councillor report

Councillor Cunningham summarised the District Council report which will also be available to view in the magazine and Councillor Ricci particularly highlighted the District Councillor grant scheme especially as it has been agreed to roll over unallocated money to future years.

6. County Councillor report

Councillor Butland provided his report which will be included in the next issue of the magazine and included a detailed breakdown of the percentage of costs that are allocated to various expenditure and the fact that adult and social care accounts for 43% of the budget thus 1% of the population accounts for 43% of the budget

7. Any other matters raised by residents

A residents posed a number of questions to the Parish Council in relation to Highway issues particularly at Bridge End Lane and in relation to the crossing to the Astronomer pub. He provided a written copy so that the Parish Council can respond in due course. Another resident voiced her support in relation to dealing with traffic issues.

Meeting concluded at 8.01pm

