

Whittle-le-Woods Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 13th May 2019, Village Hall at 7pm

Present: - Chairman Councillor Bell
Councillors Briscoe, Evans, Fogarty, B Higham, P Higham, Newall, Wood, Yates and the Clerk.
Apologies: - Auwerx, McDonald, Partington

The meeting commenced at 7.04pm.

Councillor Bell in his position as Chairman of the Parish Council took the chair.
The minutes of the previous meeting were **APPROVED** and signed.

Matters Arising

None

Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was as follows:

Once again, we have had a busy and successful year, were the whole Council has worked together well. We have had a great litter campaign, and the village is still very clean. The Neighbourhood scheme has worked well, and the Community Garden is now up and running. Thanks to all involved in the many projects this year, well done everyone.

Financial Report

The Clerk reported on the accounts for the year ending March 2019.

Meeting with the internal auditor will take place shortly and there are no issues to address. The balance carried forward at March 2019 is £102673.42. See end of minutes for breakdown.

Tree Warden Reports

The Tree Warden's report is as follows:

The Tree Warden reported that although all is well with the Trees, there is some frustration with Chorley Borough Council Planning, who seem to have ignored the opinion of the Tree Warden on numerous occasions and approved or rejected applications contrary to the input of the Tree Warden.

Pond Warden Reports

The Pond Warden's report is as follows:

All is well with the parish's ponds.

War Memorial Report

The War Memorial report is as follows:

We will be having our flower bed planted to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landing. The committee will be having a site visit in June.

Charities Report

The account balance carried forward from last year was £211.56. Payments to charity grant recipients, combined with receipts of interest and dividends led to a joint bank balance of £101.48 to be carried forward. See end of minutes for breakdown.

Community Hall Trust

The Community Hall Trust report is as follows:

The Hall had a good year and again continues to prosper.

The annual Duck Race was again held on the Bank holiday at the beginning of May and the weather was glorious. This however had an effect on turnout and our income was slightly down. As noted in previous years, good weather tends to reduce turnout as people either relax at home or visit the coast.

The Flower Show had some excellent entries, with the crafts section being buoyant, but vegetable and flower entries were not up to the usual high standards due to the very difficult growing conditions created by the very hot and dry summer.

The Brass Band concert scheduled in April with Tarleton Brass Band was cancelled by the band at short notice. We re-scheduled the event in October with Hesketh Bank Band but the attendance was disappointing.

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The Senior Citizens' Christmas Party was held in December when 76 people sat down to a traditional Christmas Dinner. The local school choir did their usual performance which was greatly appreciated by all. Asda provided £50 of food for the meal, the Co-op also gave a small donation of food for the raffle and a resident donated £100.

We modified the heating system in the summer so that we can control the temperature in each room separately. Hopefully we shall see a reduction in our gas charges during the year.

The premises were completely re-decorated both inside and out during the final quarter of the year.

We have placed a contract to re-profile the steps to the rear store cabin and to improve the emergency pathway along with the main car park at the neighbouring northern boundary.

There are a number of new classes for mothers, toddlers and babies booked for weekly classes which will increase the income.

A Trustee retired during the year due to work commitments and we are endeavouring to appoint a new Trustee.

Whittle-le-Woods Playing Field Trust

The Playing Field report is as follows:

Monies have been secured for improvements for parking at last. The application for the improvements is now with CBC Planning.

Parking has become a greater issue due to the housing development on Kem Mill Lane. There has been no investment for many years which is why the Trust was set up, and this has resulted in more people accessing the playing fields, especially young people.

Hopefully the outcome will be to improve access and encourage more people to use the facility. A great outcome for all.

Matters Raised By Residents

There were no residents in attendance.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

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2018 / 19 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Reconciliation of Parish Council Full Accounts at 31/03/19

The main items of expenditure were:

Admin	-£12,070.36
Salaries	-£15,641.09
War Mem	-£2,000.00
Loan	-£5,039.96
Maint	-£3,802.84
Grants	£0.00
Project/Misc	-£5,668.95
CIL	-£30,237.66
VAT	-£3,493.38

Year's expenditure -£77,954.24

The main sources of income were:

Precept	£ 52,130.00
Admin	£923.00
Grants	£350.00
CIL	£74,256.81
Interest	£93.12
VAT	£4,250.14

Year's income £132,003.07

Income minus expenditure £54,048.83

Bank balances at end March 2019	Current account	£403.81
	Deposit account	£102,288.87
	Total Bank Balance	£102,692.68
	Petty Cash Balance	£19.26
	Deposits not included	£0.00
	Unpresented payments	£0.00
	Balance to c/f at 31st March 2019	<u>£102,673.42</u>
	Balances with 31st March month end figure on April 2019 accounts	

Signed



Position

Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Date

13/05/2019

Signed.....

Date.....

CHARITIES REPORT FOR 2018/19
BURSCOUGH AND PINCOCK CHARITIES AND ROBERT LEIGH CROSS
To be presented to Annual Parish Meeting 2019

At the time of the Annual Charities Meeting (held on 13th December 2018), the balance of charities accounts stood at £211.56. Donations at this meeting were made to Help The Homeless (£70), Living Waters Food Bank (£70). Total donations £140.

RECEIPTS

Interest	£0.11
Dividends	£29.43
From Clayton charities	£0.00
	<u>£29.54</u>

PAYMENTS

000061 - Help the Homeless	£70.00
000062 - Living Waters food bank	£70.00
	<u>£140.00</u>

Balance carried forward	£211.56
Plus total receipts	£29.54
Minus total payments	£140.00
	<u>£101.10</u>

Account balance deposit 41344037 at 29/03/19	£49.85
Account balance deposit 41344029 at 26/03/19	£51.63
	<u>£101.48</u>

Carry forward to 2019/20

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