

Notes of Annual Parish Meeting held on May 5th 2021

Present: Parish and District Cllr Tuplin (Chairman of the Parish Council, Chairman of the meeting), Diane Davis (Clerk of the Parish Council, note taker), District and County Cllr Bywater, 12 members of the public

Cllr Tuplin reported that the business of the Parish Council has continued over the last year and that Council meetings via zoom had generally worked well.

Points raised by the public:

DEVELOPMENT – how could the District Council ignore their own local plan and allow the development in Glatton Road. Can the Parish Council make sure that they communicate with the County and District Councils about any future planned development.

Response from District Cllr Tuplin – The Parish Council recommended refusal of both plans. An initial application was refused by the District and a very similar plan was then submitted which was recommended for approval by the majority of the District Council's Development Management Committee. It is difficult to understand how the District Council could go against their own plan, it all hinged on land for a new school being included in the second plan. The application has not yet been formally approved, there are issues with drainage which need Anglian Water approval before the plan can be approved. It will be a long time after developments are completed in Gidding Road before the school will be built.

When the Village's Neighbourhood Plan is in place this will add an extra layer into the planning process.

TREES, FOOTPATHS ETC – currently all three Councils – Parish, District, County – have responsibility for different areas around the village. This leads to different levels of maintenance. It is confusing for residents to know who to contact when there is an issue. It would make more sense to have a team that could be called on to carry out all maintenance in the village that is managed by the Parish Council.

ROAD TRAFFIC, SPEEDING POTHOLES - any plans for these to be addressed.

Cllr Bywater responded to this as they are all County Council issues. He encouraged everyone to report anything relating to roads/highways/footpaths to the County Council via their website. You can also check the website to see the progress on the issue raised.

Yellow markings around potholes etc on the road means that it has been reported and will be included in planned work.

Drains with a blue dot shows that the drain has been cleared in the last 2 to 3 weeks.

There is additional money in this year's County Council budget for pavements.

THANK YOU TO THE VILLAGE

Thank you to those who had worked so hard through the last year to keep the village safe and everything working well.

The Christmas tree on The Green was lovely.

Lets hope that everyone continues with the same spirit and joins in with things, including a good Parish Council presence at events.

The last twelve months have been hugely challenging and the Parish Council have worked with the community giving mutual support.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm