

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Hanham Abbots held on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 8.00pm at Hanham Hall, Whittucks Road, Hanham

1 CHAIRMAN OF MEETING

The Chairman of Hanham Abbots Parish Council, Councillor Tom Bray, was in the Chair.

2 MINUTES OF 2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2022 were circulated and approved.

3 REPORT ON FINANCE

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a report on the Council's finances for 2022/23 and an estimate of the Council's expenditure for 2023-24.

5 ANNUAL REPORT

The following report was submitted by Chairman T Bray:-

At last year's meeting Cllr Steve Hicks gave his report and confirmed that he had moved from the parish. He was therefore not eligible to seek re-election this year. He then resigned as council member and chairman, and as vice chairman I stepped up. I asked if Steve had any notes that would help in my giving the report, and to my delight received a report which I did not think I could better, it read;-

There has been an ongoing lack of "normality" over the last four years. Covid, the war in Ukraine, the joy of the jubilee followed too quickly by the death of the Queen. All set against a domestic background of political unrest, uncertainty and rising inflation. HAPC was quick to offer assistance to our local churches with their efforts to keep residents warm throughout the winter. The PC has continued to operate normally through all the turbulence, and I would like to thank councillors for their continued attendance and support, especially those who have supported the chair by taking on additional responsibilities from time to time.

Notable achievements, the pavilion. It's disappointing that we are not further ahead, even up to the building stage at this point in time. Maybe we were too ambitious with the design, but with a revised basic plan we are hoping to proceed with a local builder rather than the big nationals. We are proud of our association with and financial support of youth organisations who have developed well and are doing a great job with youngsters.

We are pleased that we have come to a new arrangement with the local police team and now have a better understanding of the way they operate. There has been great improvements made to the play area on the common and there maybe opportunities to develop other activities there as time goes by.

Thanks to warden Paul who despite being quite ill now seems to be back keeping the parish spic and span. Tree plantings and replanting due to the drought taking its toll on the original saplings. Thank you to the conservation group, Friends of Avon Valley Woodlands, for all the work it does in the parish including the tree planting. The Hanham Fayre in 2022 was a huge success and enjoyed by all the community and will be back again in the future. The year we have local elections and other commitments. We have a new bench for the Coronation of King Charles to be located at Ellacombe Green. Also mention well attended remembrance Sunday

Steve has invited me to lay the wreath at the cenotaph each year and I have gladly accepted this privilege. I hope that the members of the new council will support this well in the future.

I give my thanks to all the councillor colleagues and the three clerks, John Beyer, Claire Dolman and Christine Everson who have worked with me over the last twenty years, and especially those of the outgoing council and to all those electors who have placed their confidence in me. I am not seeking re-election this May.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 pm, having been attended by 12 Parish Councillors and the Clerk to the Council.

Parish Councillors in Attendance: Cllr Tom Bray, Cllr S Atwell, Cllr J Goddard, Cllr K Bell, Cllr H Goddard, Cllr B Langley, Cllr R Boissevain, Cllr C Cushing, Cllr David Smith, Dean Smith, C White & Cllr J Bamford.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Goddard', written over a horizontal dotted line.

Chairman

HANHAM ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2023

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE 2022/23	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE 2022/23	CATEGORY	ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURE FOR 2023/24
£1,500.00	£338.00	Subscriptions	£1,600.00
£4,145.00	£3,780.02	Administration	£4,525.00
£950.00	£850.00	Audit of Accounts	£950.00
£0.00	£0.00	Bus shelters (repair & maintain)	£0.00
£100.00	£16.99	Chair's allowance	£100.00
£27,000.00	£29,883.98	Staff costs	£38,400.00
£1,000.00	£0.00	Election costs	£1,000.00
£28,700.00	£33,323.70	Environment Committee	£28,200.00
£2,000.00	£1,050.00	Grants	£1,000.00
£750.00	£655.26	Miscellaneous	£750.00
£600.00	£122.00	Office supplies	£600.00
£0.00	£0.00	Travel & subsistence	£0.00
£250.00	£170.00	Training	£2,050.00
£600.00	£0.00	Newsletter	£0.00
£650.00	£498.00	Website	£700.00
£500.00	£1,998.95	Fayre	£0.00
£4,325.00	£4,765.00	Youth activities	£5,200.00
£500.00	£2,109.55	Queens Jubilee	£0.00
£0.00	£13,435.71	New Pavilion Costs	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	Kings Coronation	£250.00
£73,570	£92,997.16		£85,325

INCOME	2022/23
Precept	£70,070.00
Wayleave Rental	£68.16
Interest	£394.28
Hire of Hanham Common	£4,093.82
Fayre receipts	£1,152.00
VAT Refund	£7,712.74
Grants received	£1,590.00
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	£8,378.79
TOTAL	£93,459.79

N.B. The above figures are provisional and subject to adjustment. The Accounts for 2022/23 are currently being prepared for Audit and will be available for Public Inspection prior to the Audit which is carried out in June 2023.