

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2023

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th May 2023 at Foulden Village Hall DRAFT

Present: Stephen Parker, chairing the meeting; eleven residents including all Foulden Parish Councillors. Invited non-resident: Judith Lawson, taking minutes.

Chairman's Opening Remarks

Mr Parker welcomed all residents to the meeting and thanked them for making the effort to attend.

Apologies

None needed.

To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2022

Approved.

Reports

A representative of the Foulden Parochial Charities requested that Cllr Billy Pye be confirmed as a continuing parish council representative trustee of the charity, by the parish councillors present. Parish councillors agreed. The representative thanked the meeting.

The carpet bowls group had provided a report.

The parochial church council had provided a report.

A resident briefed the meeting on the work of a group of parishioners who are working to support Foulden church. At present, there was ongoing work to transform an area of unconsecrated ground into an area for reflection, and restoration of the kissing gates. The group is looking to hold fundraising events and wondered if the parish council could help with any support? All works are being done under the guidance of the church architect. It was noted by those present that the church is a valuable community asset. Mrs Lawson was asked to investigate specific powers which the parish council might use to assist the group's efforts.

The White Hart pub: Mr Joseph Green informed the meeting that an informal dedicated meeting to discuss the issue was being set up.

Questions/other items from residents

None.

Matters for consideration at the next meeting

None at present.

Date of next meeting

A Wednesday during May 2024, following the annual parish council meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm