

THUNDRIDGE

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH ELECTORATE

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Thundridge Parish Electors held in The Wodson Pavilion at 6.30pm, Thursday 23rd May 2023

PRESENT: Five parish councillors attended as members of the public.

Presiding: Cllr Steve Bosson, Chairman of the Parish Council

Minutes taken by Colin Marks, Clerk to the Parish Council

- 1 **Introduction:** The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6.37pm.
- 2 **Apologies for absence:** Neighbourhood Police
- 3 **Minutes of the May 2022 Annual Meeting of the Parish Electorate**
RESOLVED: *To approve as drafted the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Parish Electorate.*
The Vice-Chairman signed the Minutes

4 **Review of the Parish activities during the year**

Parish Council Chairman Steve Bosson gave an overview covering the following topics:

1. **Your Council**

Following the elections on 4th May, the following councillors were re-elected:
Steve Bosson, Deryck Dipper, Kim Saban, Natasha Smyth, Martin Spackman.

Lynn Palmer stood for election and has joined the Council, There are two vacancies.

Brita-May Hawes, Joyce Spackman and Brian Taylor did not stand for re-election,

Colin Marks continues as Clerk to the Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked all members for their service during the last 4-year term of office and wished those well who are no longer in office.

The Council will seek to fill the vacancies by co-option.

2. **Major Project for Summer 2023: Refurbishment of the Wodson Pavilion**

- Extensive planning has been completed
- The Contractor has been appointed
- Execution of the work will take place over the Summer Holidays
- The Pavilion is an asset of the community and provides a net income to the Parish.
- Refurbishment includes re-roofing, new external cladding, addition of insulation, new ceilings, internal walls and flooring. Provision of externally accessible toilets will be arranged for the Ware Lions Youth Football Club during their weekend usage.
- NB: Unexpectedly the existing roof was torn off in May '23 and has been resolved via a temporary repair in the interim.

3. **Planning**

In person presentation was made in favour of The ex Raj Villa

Planning applications reviewed during the year

- No Comment: 15
- Objected: 4
- Supported: 1
- Development sites monitored: Osprey / (Glebe Field High Cross)
- Future development (Ware North)

4. **Miscellaneous**

- Wadesmill footbridge was cleared of leaves
- 1 Dog bin reinstated to original position
- 1 Dog bin replaced and then reinstated after being damaged
- High level reports submitted after each Parish Council Meeting to the Village Life Magazine
- All agendas and minutes uploaded to the Parish Council Website
- A status of ACV (Asset of Community Value) has been established for The Feathers

5. Budget

- 2022-23 budget ended with a projected surplus of around £10k
- 2023-24 precept set as a small overall reduction over the previous year
- The Council provided funding towards a Platinum Jubilee event
- A donation was provided to Puller, Thundridge and the Nursery School in support of Coronation related activities
- The Council carries an ongoing debt, but this is being paid off on an agreed monthly basis and remains on target for complete resolution.

6. Allotments

- All available plots are rented out and there is a waiting list
- Tenancy agreements have been reviewed and updated

5 County and District Councillor reports for the year: No report was provided.

6 East Herts Rural Police report for the year: No report was provided.

7 Open Forum: No issues or motions raised.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 6.49pm