



## **AYLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Annual Assembly & Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish Council**

Minutes of AYLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL APM meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 19.00pm via Zoom due to Covid-19.

#### **SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

**1. Those Present**

M. Townsend (Chair), I. Thomas (Vice Chair) V. Thomas, B. Oliver, L. Prescott, K. Sutcliffe, J. Pout, S. MacCallum, S. Bott, N. Purcell (Acting Assistant Clerk), 3 members of the public present.

**2. Apologies**

None

**3. Declaration of Interests and Updates to Declaration Register**

Pecuniary and other significant and voluntary interests, where applicable, will be made and recorded against relevant items on this and all future agendas. Each member will declare their interest and act in accordance with the standing orders when a relevant item on the agenda is discussed.

There were no updated declarations of interest recorded.

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising**

I. Thomas proposed that the minutes of the last APM held on the 14th May 2020 were a true and accurate record. K. Sutcliffe seconded.

**Outcome:** All in favour- motion carried.

**5. Chairperson's annual report**

M. Townsend addressed the difficulties faced this year with the continued Pandemic and praised the Clerks for their performance during extended restrictions and difficult working conditions. M. Townsend commented that he was proud Aylesham Parish Council has managed to give out grants to the tune of £4749.16

M. Townsend noted that the recreation team has continued the work within the Market Square which has attracted many positive comments.

The Parish Council continues to be supportive of local build related issues and still works through the system to attain satisfactory results.

M. Townsend noted that due to COVID concerns the Parish Council decided not to increase the precept, the knock on effect is that the budget for expenditure has been

reduced, however this will see the Parish Council taking a more focussed approach to deliver a service the village deserves.

## **6. Reports from local organisations who have recieved financial support from the Parish Council**

**6.1** A.Doggett spoke on behalf of Bechange and gave thanks to the Parish Council for their contiued support. Over the past year, Bechange have been able to deliver circa 17,000 cooked meals to the community. Aswell as meals, they have been able to provide other methods of support, such as mindfulness packs for children, and emotional support for families and individuals.

A.Doggett reported that Bechange were able to support the first responders and cover the cost of their mileage.

This support Bechange provide is now able to be face to face and will continue as restrictions begin to lift with things such as Food programmes, community lunches, foodbank partnerships, links with other organisations who can also provide other means of support.

M. Townsend and I. Thomas congratulated Bechange for the positive impact their services have on the community and gave thanks to all those working in the background to make it happen.

S.Bott gave thanks to Siobhan on behalf of Aylesham Parish Council for cooking the meals.

**6.2** N.Ratcliffe spoke on behalf of St Peter's Church giving thanks to the Parish Council for the grant recieved in the autumn. The funds were used to provide food for the youth club, and then Christmas gifts. Now that the restrictions are lifting the youth club is able to meetin person and conduct activitied such as the fire pit with hotdogs, crafts etc. N.Ratcliffe thanked the Parish Council for their support and was pleased to report that the number of attendees is increasing weekly.

**6.3** J.Cartledge represented Aylesham4Aylesham and gave thanks to the parish council for their support. This has enabled things such as the Christmas Tree in Market Square, which has given the community joy during the festive period. With the Parish Council's grant- Aylesham is now one of the only villages around with a fully active defibrilator scheme . Providing government restrictions allow, Aylesham4 Aylesham will also be holding a summer event, creating an oppertunity for a the community to get together. J.Cartledge gave thanks on behalf of everyone at Aylesham4Aylesham.

## **7 Public representations and resolutions**

None

## **8 To Elect Chairman and Vice Chair for the year 2021-2022**

### **8.1 Chairman**

L. Prescott nominated I. Thomas for chairman. V. Thomas seconded. **3 votes in favour**

B. Oliver nominated M. Townsend for chairman. K. Sutcliffe seconded. **4 votes in favour**

**Outcome:** M.Townsend was duly elected as Chairman for the year 2021-2022

### **8.2 Vice Chair**

K.sutcliffe nominated J.Pout for vice chair. S.MacCallum seconded. **6 votes in favour.**

L. Prescott nominated I. Thomas for vice chair. V. Thomas seconded. **3 votes in favour.**

**Outcome:** J.Pout was duly elected as vice chair for the year 2021-2022.

**Resolved:** J. Pout proposed that the acceptance of office forms are signed at a later date, as soon as covid restrictions allow. K. Sutcliffe Seconded.

**Outcome:** 8 votes in favour. Motion carried

### **9 Date of next meeting**

12th May 2022

**Meeting closed 19:28**