

# Ilketshall St. Andrew Parish Council

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting Monday 7 June 2021, 7.00 p.m., held in the Village Hall

## **1. Welcome.**

All seven Parish Councillors (Gerald Godfrey (GG), Andy Spinks (AS), Jacqui Harrison (JH), Lea Ingham (LI), Penny Ward (PW), Colin Ward (CW) and Rod Apps (RA) were present. There were two members of the public present (Jeanette Boon and Chris Roberts).

## **2. Apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies for absence.

## **3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30 November 2020.**

These Minutes were confirmed as being correct, and were signed by the Chair.

## **4. Report from the Chair of the Parish Council.**

Since the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 30 November 2020, the Parish Council has continued with its work on a 'remote' basis. Meetings were held in December 2020 and then in January, February, March and April this year.

Most of the business of the Parish Council in this period has been routine, and the Parish Council found that the 'remote' meetings generally worked well. Members of the public joined those remote meetings in approximately the same numbers as the "face-to-face" meetings.

The routine business of the Parish Council included:

- Reviewing Planning Applications
- Installing the Vehicle Activated Sign and reporting the results from that;
- Liaising with the Beccles Southern Relief Road group regarding the impact of the road for Ilketshall St. Andrew;
- Monitoring the condition and safety of the Play Area, and arrangements for an annual safety inspection.

The Parish Council has, in addition to the routine business, spent time pursuing the "Quiet Lanes" Project. A consultation was undertaken in both Ilketshall St. Andrew and Ilketshall St. John regarding the proposal to have Tooks Common Lane, Mill Lane, Great Common Lane and Becks Green Lane designated as "Quiet Lanes". Following that consultation, the Parish Council took the decision to proceed with the project, and passed it over to Suffolk County Council. The proposed designations are now subject to a public consultation until 14 June.

It is hoped that School Lane will be designated in a 'wave' of designations across Suffolk later in 2021, and also that BanTERS Lane and Clarkes Lane will be designated as a consequence of Barsham and Shipmeadow seeking designation within the combined Parish.

Following the ending of the permission to hold Parish Council meetings remotely, the Parish Council intends to revert to its usual pattern of meetings taking place in the Village Hall on the first Monday of the month, but this will inevitably be dependent on the progress of the Covid-19 pandemic.

## **5. Future activities**

It was noted that despite a notice regarding the Annual Parish Meeting having been circulated to all households in the village, just **two** members of the public joined the meeting. This was the same number as last year, despite the fact that this year the meeting was held at the Village Hall. Given that there are 232 registered electors in the village, the meeting concluded that this was very disappointing.

There were no suggestions regarding the future activities that the Parish Council should, or should not, engage in.

There a discussion about ways of enhancing the coordination between the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council. Ilketshall St. Andrew is unusual in that the Village Hall is a separate organisation from the Parish Council, but in the view of the meeting, it was necessary and appropriate that there was good communication between the two bodies. The meeting concluded by requesting that Rod Apps write a letter to the Chair of the Village Hall Committee (Brian Andrews) requesting that a member of the Parish Council attend a meeting of the Village Hall Committee in order to sort out some arrangements for enhanced co-operation in the future.

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## **6. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

The Annual Parish Meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.