

Ilketshall St. Andrew Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 1 July 2019, 7.00 p.m. Parish Hall

1. Welcome.

The 3 Parish Councillors (Gerald Godfrey (GG), Chris Bromley (CB) and Rod Apps (RA) were present. There was one member of the public present.

2. Apologies for absence.

There were apologies for absence from Jacqui Harrison and Andy Spinks.

3. Report from the Chair of the Parish Council.

Gerald Godfrey provided a report on the activities of the Parish Council over the past year, and noted:

1. Thanks to Polly and Melanie in particular, and to the Parish Hall Committee more generally, for keeping the Parish Hall in good order over the past year.
2. The successful fundraising and installation of the defibrillator at the Parish Hall.
3. The sad loss of Joyce Snowden, who had been a strong supporter of the Parish Hall and of the Church, and was very dedicated to the village.
4. Thanks to the Land Management Committee for all its work in relation to the management of the commons in Ilketshall St. Andrew and Ilketshall St. John.
5. The departure of Mike Croft and Anne Law from the Parish Council, but many thanks for all their work over many years.
6. The addition of the new members to the Parish Council (Jacqui Harrison and Rod Apps in May 2019, and Chris Bromley earlier in the year.)

4. Future activities

There was a discussion around attempts to increase the involvement in parish activities and events.

One possibility identified was that of a joint event between the Land Management Company and the Parish. It was noted that the visit by Phoenix Birds of Prey Rescue would take place in September, and it was suggested that similar events could be held in the future, depending on the success of the Phoenix visit. It was also felt that it would be worthwhile to investigate possibilities for doing something to exploit the Commons, and reference was made to a number of events that took place in earlier years, even if some of those could not now take place as a consequence of restrictions arising from the CROW Act, etc.

5. Parish Council Website

There was a discussion around the possibility of developing a website for the Parish Council, and it was agreed that this would probably be an effective way of increasing communication regarding Parish Council activities with the population of the village.

6. Land Management Company

There was a discussion around the relationship between the Land Management Company and the Parish Council, and it was agreed that the Land Management Company would be asked to forward copies of the Minutes from meetings of the Land Management Company to the Parish Council in order to keep the Parish Council informed of activities, both completed and proposed.

The Annual Parish Meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.