**M I N U T E S**

Annual Parish Meeting 2023

Held on Wednesday 24th May 2023

Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Hemington Parish Council (Cllrs Corney, Hucker,Green Hanley, Curtis)

Clerk J Gregory

 5 other attendees

Apologies Cllr Francis.

1. Welcome and introduction by the Chairman

The Chairman stated that it was nice to see some attendance from residents.

1. Approve Minutes of the previous meeting

Recorded as being a correct record.

1. Hemington Parish Council Annual Report

The last year or so the Council had been working hard in obtaining quotations, grants etc for new play equipment. The Chair was hopeful for a sign off of this in the meeting following. Thanks expressed to the hard work undertaken by the Clerk in obtaining Grant funding and making this possible. The preferred contractor was Creative Play – they were well established and provided equipment to both LA schools and Councils across the whole of the UK.

1. Financial Report

The Clerk gave a report on the previous year. The figures quoted had been audited internally.

 Closing Balance £22956.79

Expenditure £ 6973.50

Income £20013.01

VAT Reclaim £ 306.16

5k received in an Awards for All Grant by the National Lottery. There is also further £3k to draw down (benefactor to remain anonymous)

The precept was increased to help fund the play park renewal. With grants received of 5k and another 3k to draw down the accounts are in a healthy position at year end.

Main expenditure is on the usual items of clerk salary and grasscutting.

As we go into the next financial year we continue to apply for grant funding and have received a further £300 from Hanson Quarry and next on the list is an open spaces grant for “enhancements” to the play park such as bulbs to naturalise amongst the trees and some bee/bird houses and benches.

1. Public Participation

A number of residents were in attendance to talk about the condition of the Pond which would be covered in more detail in full council

All attendees were thanked for their contribution and the meeting closed at 7.38pm