**M I N U T E S**

Annual Parish Meeting 2024

Held on Wednesday 10th April 2024 7.15pm

Faulkland Village Hall

Present: Hemington Parish Council (Cllrs Hucker,Green Hanley, Francis, Biggerstaff)

Clerk J Gregory

 3 other attendees

Apologies

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

Following the Parish Council’s complaint regarding contact with Somerset Council’s highways department we now have Cllr Barry Clarke and Gary Warren which has led to the removal of the white lines in the centre of the village after 8 years of one way correspondence. The white lines had been installed against the request not to install them

Request for speed limit and double white lines on the full length of the A366 in parish and on to Norton St Phillip have been discussed wit Norton St Phillips TAG Group and Somerset Highways.

Clearance of the village pond has cleared the algae growth but the pond seems to have died and will need to be looked into.

Creative Play installed the new play equipment in September but sadly the matting was not put down level with the ground and has been chewed up by mowing the grass and needs to be resolved.

Speedwatch is ongoing with the organising of a team to use the speed measuring equipment to allow fixed speed devices date to lead to police action.

The change of banking to Unity Bank is ongoing

Sadly, we lost our Chairman Mark Corney after a sudden illness, and will miss his input, work and friendship for the parish.

1. Financial Report

The Clerk gave a report on the previous year. The figures quoted were subject to internal audit.

 Closing Balance £15440.13

Expenditure £32970.54

Income £25453.88

VAT Reclaim £ 4412.58

The VAT reclaim was made in-year due to the payment made on the play park. A further 3k grant was drawn down.

The balance was now at around what was expected in keeping a year’s operating costs aside.

1. Public Participation

A Safari Supper event was held for the first time raising £344 for the village hall roof and the event was well received and plans to hold another.

Litter pick of 15 bags and well supported by residents. It was nice to see some village children involved.

The telephone box glass had been repaired and once again weatherproof. Cllr Hucker stated that it would be painted in the better weather.

All attendees were thanked for their contribution and the meeting closed at 7.28pm