

RADFORD SEMELE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held online via Zoom on 26th April 2021 at 8.30 pm.

Present: Parish Councillors: Cllr S P Sabin (in the Chair), Cllr D Carter, Cllr B Follett, Cllr B Friar, Cllr A T Hitchcox, Cllr A E Malin, Cllr Mrs J P Malin, Cllr R Munn, Cllr T Musa and Cllr J Sudbury

Also present: WCC Cllr W Redford and WDC Cllr Mrs V Leigh-Hunt and members of the public: Fiona Dyson, Barbara Wyatt, Judy Steele and (later) Sarah Brooke-Taylor

**Apologies for
Absence:** None

Minutes: The Minutes of the last Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting held on 29th April 2019 had been approved by Councillors at a Council Meeting in July 2020.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence to hand.

Reports:

1. Reports tabled by Councillors had been published on the Council's website, so they were not read out in detail, but the Chairman invited members of the public to ask questions if they wished. There were no questions.
2. Cllr Friar summarised the contents of his Financial Report with particular reference to preparation of the Precept and the impact on that of the change in the tax base created by WDC.
3. Reports have been tabled by Cllr Carter on the Planning Committee, Cllr Follett on the Playing Field Committee, Cllr Munn on Traffic management, Cllr Mrs Malin on the Sports & Social Club and on the Community Hall respectively and Cllr Friar on the activities of the Media Committee.
4. Cllr Friar was invited by the Chairman to outline the current position on the Neighbourhood Plan – he pointed out that the referendum has to be voted on 6th May 2021.
5. The Chairman spoke briefly to his written Report which had been circulated; he said the last 18 months had been hard work because of the pandemic but it was to be noted that there had been more interest from the public via virtual hearings from a national point of view. NALC and WALC are in the process of seeking Government concurrence in extending the style of meetings to either virtual or face-to-face or a hybrid version. He closed by expressing particular thanks to the support given to this Council by WCC Cllr Redford and WDC Cllr Mrs Leigh-Hunt.

**Any other
business:**

Judy Steele enquired about the possibility of more than one noticeboard publishing the Council's activities, the facility being afforded for residents to use the notice board for promotion of various interests.

The Chairman explained that the affairs of the Council were still being managed by people who had been delegated authority given at a meeting of the Council on 18th March 202: – himself, Vice Chairman Cllr Sudbury, Chairman of Finance Cllr Friar and the Clerk. They were giving constant attention to the serious issue of whether meetings should be virtual or face-to-face or a hybrid version. The original intention this year was to have the Annual Parish Meeting/Assembly held as a social event in the summer months with the public generally being invited to attend but that scheme had been abandoned due to the pandemic. It is hoped to have an event of this kind next year.

Signed **Chairman** **Date**

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