

RADFORD SEMELE PARISH COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held at the Community Hall on 18th May 2024 at 11 am

Present: Parish Councillors: Cllr S P Sabin (in the Chair), Cllr D Carter, Cllr B Friar, Cllr Mrs J P Malin and Cllr R Munn

Also present: WCC Cllr W A Redford and approximately 25 residents including representatives from FoRGE, Rev Martin Green and Rev Katherine Pitchford

Apologies for Absence: Cllr A J Dempsey, Cllr S Roe (both on holiday), Cllr Mrs J Sanderson (illness) and Peter Morrell.

Minutes: The Minutes of the last Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting held on 24th April 2023 had been approved by Councillors at a Council Meeting on 7th August 2023 but were re-approved at this meeting.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence to hand.

Content:

1. This Annual Parish Meeting formed part of a meeting of the Annual Parish Assembly which the Parish Council thought would be a better way of incorporating the formal aspects of the APM and also giving residents an opportunity to participate in activity by the Parish Council and, in some cases, maintain stands demonstrating work of voluntary groups in the Parish. The stand holders were FoRGE, the two churches and the Arts Group.
2. Written reports had been tabled by the Chairman, Cllr Sabin, Cllr Friar in respect of finance, Cllr Munn in respect of SpeedWatch, Cllr Dempsey in respect of the Playing Field, Cllr Carter in respect of recent planning history and Cllr Mrs Sanderson in respect of environmental matters. Copies of the reports were available for take up by members of the public. Cllr Friar had put together a PowerPoint presentation outlining the written reports which was displayed on a high level screen.
3. The Chairman outlined the history of activity by the Parish Council during the preceding year. The major matters for action were a serious incursion of travellers in the summer of 2023, a lengthy and time-consuming representation to WCC for traffic improvements in the Village most of which had now taken place and a major issue concerning the inadequacy of dog bins situated in the Village which had now been resolved.
4. The Chairman outlined the particular long-winded difficulties that the Council had had with Highways Dept of WCC in getting things improved with reference to traffic management on the A425 and the surrounding streets. He thanked WCC Cllr Redford for his contribution, in particular organising a high level meeting in January 2023 when representatives of this Council met with WCC Highways Dept.
5. Refreshments were provided by kind arrangement of Cllr Mrs Malin and the Community Hall.
6. Former District County Councillor and Chairman of the Parish Council, Michael Doody, raised the issue of the serious concentration of parking motor cars on footpaths in the Village. Sadly, in the recent traffic improvements relating to the A425 did not take away the problem of the density of cars parked throughout the Village on pavements. Mrs Wyatt supported this point saying that the problem was particularly acute in The Valley; attempts were made to park cars on the pavement in order to allow agricultural tractors to pass and re-pass. It was proposed that this be referred to the Police, a local unit was recently formed under PC Ed King.

Any other business: There was no other business. The formal meeting closed at 11.25 am.

Signed Chairman Date

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