



MINUTES

Annual Parish Assembly

Thursday 12th May 2022

Elford Village Hall at 8pm.

Attended by Councillors Turley (Chair), Delderfield, Hilderley, Payne and Wright, County/District Councillor White, District Councillor Leytham, Mrs Jones (Clerk) and 16 residents and representatives of local organisations.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Annual Assembly.

1. To receive Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Gilbert and Biden, Steph Tavinor (Cricket Club), Mark Simmonds (Elford Boys Football Club), Roger and Sue Thompson (Walled Garden and Art Group)

2. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 14th May 2019. The Minutes were approved. Subsequent meetings had been cancelled due to Covid regulations.

3. To receive the Chair's Annual Report for 2021-22.

Cllr Turley introduced the Cllrs present and reported that Garry Toon had left the Council and Cllr Delderfield had been appointed to fill the vacancy. There would be elections in May 2023 when others could stand.

He invited Cllr Payne to explain progress on plans for the new playground. Following feedback from the children and other groups a final design had been agreed and quoted for, grant applications were now being finalised.

Developments had been approved and commenced at Land off the Shrubbery and the former Social Club site. Alan White was thanked for his interventions regarding the flooding issues at the Elan Homes development. As a result of the disruption the village would not enter Best Kept Village this year.

The Parish Council had a vision for one sports club with a joint facility at the Sportsfield and a leader had been identified, volunteers were being sought to plan this initiative.

The Coffee Shop run by volunteers was a real success for community involvement and raised enough money to fund the seniors taxi service (more users would be welcome) and days out for the users. A Post Office service operated from the Village Hall between 10 and 12 on Tuesdays.

The Parish Council was committed to keeping the Rights of Way open and alerted the County Council to any problems arising.

Traffic, roads and pavements still required improvement and Highways was notified of issues. Work was beginning on a plan for village CCTV coverage.

Thanks were given to those who had helped during the pandemic and those who had contributed to the village in various ways.

4. To receive reports from village organisations.

Howard School – Miss Mills gave a positive report on the school and the good progress made by the pupils.

St Peter's Church – Revd John Grice reported on how the church had adapted to changes during and after the lockdowns.

Platinum Jubilee celebrations - Ursula Middlemore explained the preparations for the event on Sunday 5th June (see attached).

Cricket Club – David Philpott reported on a successful season and new facilities to train young players.

Friends of Awoingt – Roger Billingham gave the attached report.

Village Hall – Greg Watkins gave the attached report on the Village Hall.

Elford Boys – Cllr Turley read key points sent by Mark Simmonds, 6 teams played at Elford this year, a new soccer school had re launched and funding had been secured from the FA for pitch renovations.

5. To receive questions from residents.

Mr Watkins asked about future management of the development on land off The Shrubbery.

Everyone was thanked for attending the meeting.