

# LITTLE ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 18th May 2020 held Via Zoom Video Conference (due to Covid19 Lockdown Restriction) at 7.15pm

**Present:** Councillors K Richardson, N Castello, B Bruce, M Parsons

**In attendance:** Mrs K Loydall (Clerk),

**Apologies** – Cllr Wallace - Apologies accepted & Cllr Dollimore – Apologies accepted

1. **Minutes of the Parish Meeting** – 20 May 2019 – approved and signed.
2. **Matters Arising** - none.
4. **Chairman's Report** – The Chair gave her report - see attached sheet.
5. **Questions from the floor** – none

There being no further items for discussion, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 19.25.

Minutes taken by the Parish Clerk, K Loydall

**Signed:**

**Dated:**

## Chairman's Statement – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

We started 2020 with various plans for improvements within Little Addington however, Covid19 has brought all of those plans to a halt. Our current focus is to ensure the health and safety of all who live in Little Addington until this time of uncertainty passes. To this end we will be conducting council meetings virtually until our 'usual' meetings can resume.

This year we planned to install village gates so visitors to the village can see clearly the village boundaries. This is now on hold however, we hope to move ahead with the installation of the gates as soon as we can.

The footpath between Little and Great Addington is still in a poor condition and unfortunately, it does not look like this will be rectified any time soon. Requests for remedial works will continue to be made until this issue is fully resolved.

Plans are currently being made to tidy up the entrance road to Little Addington around Amen Place, we would like to clear the area of overgrown shrubs and debris and replant. We hope to be able to plant a Christmas tree to celebrate the festive season. All plans are still to be finalised.

The village litter pick took place in October and once again generated a significant amount of litter. Sadly, the amount of litter is not decreasing and it is disappointing to see our village used as a dumping ground by those passing through. A second litter pick for April has been postponed until September. We thank all those who participated in the litter pick.

A successful Village Fair was organised by the Parochial Council in July last year and we look forward to the next fair whenever that may be.

Covid19 may have prevented our plans to commemorate VE Day together however, it was heart warming to see the amount of bunting around the village and the amazing efforts made by many to ensure the day did not get forgotten.

We have had great success with our village Coffee Mornings, attendance had been growing and the event had become highly anticipated by villagers. Thank you to Radu and all at The Bell for supporting the event by providing refreshments and a comfortable venue. We hope to restart the event again as soon as it is safe to do so. Thank you also to Greg and all at Sunrise Care Home for providing an alternative venue and welcoming us on site. We wish you well in this difficult time.

Jen Wallace joined us in May 2019 and we thank her for her contribution and commitment particularly during this challenging time. During the past year we have also welcomed and said goodbye to Rob Ashton. Rob's time with LAPC was brief but we thank him for his time and contribution. We are still actively seeking new members.

In October 2019 we changed clerks and welcomed Karrie Loydall to LAPC. Karrie brings with her fresh ideas and a spirit of enthusiasm which we applaud. We wish Nicky Phillips well and success in her future endeavours.

Thank you to all councillors for your commitment over the past year. We all lead busy lives and the responsibilities you have undertaken and the dedication you have all made is very much appreciated.

Special thanks again to Councillor Dollimore for organising the firework event in November. This event would not have been possible without the support and the generosity of our sponsors and the volunteers from the village who ensured the safety of all who attended the event. The weather was against us but the event still went ahead and positive feedback was received from the many who attended. We are now looking forward to November 2020 although we must await and adhere to Government advice on large public gatherings.

Brian Bruce has stepped up as co-ordinator of the Neighbourhood Watch. The membership of the scheme by villagers has been significantly increased thanks to Brian's commitment.

Finally, I would again like to thank all councillors for their commitment to the parish council, without it we would be unable to move forward and look to our future.

Kerry Richardson