

Great and Little Hampden Parish Council : Clerk to the Council – Nick Baxter

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting
on Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 6.00pm**

The meeting took place at the Memorial Hall, Memorial Road, Great Hampden.

Present: Councillor F Smith (Chair)
Councillor K Butler (Vice Chair)
Councillor C Aston
Councillor C Page
Councillor J Colvin

Apologies Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Councillor David Carroll and Paul Rogerson (the Rural Community Defibrillator Group).

Attendance: Mr N Baxter – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Members of the public: Three members of the public were present.

Members of the press: None

MINUTES

AM23/0001: Formalities

- a) To NOTE apologies for absence
- The apologies shown above were accepted.
- b) To RECEIVE declarations of interest in items on the agenda (*In accordance with the Local Code of Conduct to receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests and to consider and grant any dispensation requests*)
- No declarations were made.

AM23/0002: Minutes and matters arising

- a) To APPROVE the minutes of the annual meeting held on 10 May 2022 and CONSIDER any matters arising:

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- The typo in the date '10 May 2021' should read '10 May 2022'.
- The minutes were unanimously APPROVED, with the above correction. There were no matters arising.

AM23/0003: Annual report by the Chair

a) To RECEIVE an Annual report from the Chair for the period ending March 2023

- The Chair read her report which is shown below.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2022/2023

"Firstly, thank you to my fellow Councillors for the help and support over the last year especially in the depths of winter when the village hall is not the warmest place to be.

Thank you to Cherry for her work and support as Vice-Chair

Welcome to Jane Colvin who we co-opted to fill the vacancy left by John Griffin after having to resign because of illness. We wish him continued good health.

Thank you to Nick for all the hours he puts in keeping us compliant and the Internal Audit running smoothly.

In the year we have supported both villages in their celebrations for the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

We are still having regular meetings with the Hampden Estate and progress has been made towards securing a site for the Allotments.

Blakemore Pond is still an ongoing project, thank you Claire for the work you have done in moving this forward.

The tree and the bench to commemorate the life of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh are now in place. Nick Higgins has tidied up the Coronation Tree at the Old School site and the respective plaques have been installed.

We have installed two benches donated from the North Chiltern Community Board to honour the work done by essential services during the Covid Pandemic, and one has been refurbished.

We have permission from the Estate to install a temporary parking area behind the Hampden Arms. This project is ongoing, thank you Karen for your work in getting this moving.

I have had a meeting with the Chiltern Society Representative regarding the installation of a gate to replace the stile opposite the Estate Office. I am currently waiting for written permission from the Estate to proceed.

Thank you to Ian Firth for becoming our representative on The Monks Risborough Charity.

And to Peter Collier for his work on the Monks Risborough Charity and for now becoming our representative on The Stoke Mandeville Charity.

Again, thank you to all the councillors for the efforts especially the Little Hampden representatives for keeping their village involved in what we try to achieve.

Thank you to Nick without whose hard work we/I would not be able to achieve what we/I do. I would like us to recognise that Nick received the Queen's Platinum Jubilee medal and passed his FiLCA qualification during this year."

There were no questions on the Chair's annual report.

AM23/0004: To ELECT a Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council for the period to 31 March 2024

a) To ELECT a Chair

- Councillor Aston proposed that Councillor Smith be elected as chair. Councillor Page seconded the proposal. The proposal was unanimously passed, and Councillor Smith was duly elected as Chair.

b) To ELECT a Vice-chair

- Councillor Page proposed that Councillor Butler stands as Vice Chair. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Aston. The proposal was unanimously passed, and Councillor Butler was duly elected as Vice Chair.

AM23/0005: Questions from parishioners/electorate

a) To The Chair/Clerk will take questions from the floor

- There were no questions from the floor.

Signed Date