

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for the parish of Wall held at 7:15 pm  
on Tuesday 17 May 2022 at Wall Village Hall, Watling St, Wall**

**Present:** Cllr M J Crowe (Chairman of the Parish Council), 6 other members of the Parish Council, County Cllr D Smith, PCSO Andrea Horsnall, and 3 members of the public.

**In Attendance:** Peter Young (Parish Clerk)

**1. Welcome**

Cllr M J Crowe welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Parish Clerk, Peter Young, outlined the background to an Annual Parish Meeting and its difference to a Council meeting.

**2. Chairman's Report 2021/22**

Cllr Crowe reported that due to Covid restrictions this was the first Annual Parish meeting since 2019, so it was good to be back. He thanked all members of the Parish Council for their work over the past year and provided the following summary of activities.

- a. Highway Issues:** The Council had pursued various issues with the Highway Authority, Staffordshire County Council. These included: mud left on Bullmoor Lane by vehicles entering the new slurry lagoon; overgrown hedges on Boat Lane and Claypit Lane, flooding on Raikes Lane, and an ongoing issue about how much of The Butts is adopted highway. The Council had also engaged a part-time handyman to do various minor jobs around the village as required from time to time, such as clearing the leaf debris from Trooper Hill, cutting the hedge alongside the Watling Street car park and cleaning the replica Roman milestone.
- b. Bus shelter:** The Council would be replacing the worn-out bus shelter on Watling Street. Work has been delayed because of problems sourcing the timber but was due to take place shortly.
- c. Former Phonebox:** Several years ago the Council had taken on the former phonebox which was now used as a book exchange. The previous electricity supplier increased the annual supply cost to £400. An alternative supplier had been found at less than £100 per annum, but when that contract came up for renewal the price was set to increase to over £300 per annum, and costs were likely to increase even more in the future. The Council had therefore decided to have the supply disconnected and would install a small solar powered light in the phonebox instead.
- d. Unofficial waste site off Wall bypass:** A piece of land on the south side of the A5 bypass started to be used for dumping waste, including many tyres which were then set alight. At first the District Council and Environment Agency had said that the other was responsible to tackle the problem. The Council pursued this, and in the end the Environment Agency accepted responsibility and a trailer has been placed across the entrance, which seemed to have stopped the problem.
- e. Planning Matters:** The Council had commented on 12 Planning applications during the year. The most controversial one was the expansion of the potato-grading operation at Barn Farm, Hilton. The Council had recommended refusal, but it was approved by the District Council. However, various conditions proposed by this council to control the adverse effects of the development were included in the grant of permission.
- f. Retirement as Chairman:** Cllr Crowe reported that at the start of the Council meeting which would follow this meeting, he would be stepping down as Chairman after 21 years in the post.

**3. Any other matters raised by Electors:** No items raised.

*There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 7:25 pm*