

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
Held at Bitteswell Village Hall on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillor John Allsopp (Acting Chairman), Councillor Iain Millington and Councillor Nigel Chapman
Clerk Cathy Walsh and 3 member(s) of the public.

1. Introduction and welcome from Chairman

Councillor Allsopp provided an introduction and welcome to the meeting.

2. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 04 May 2022

The minutes were approved as a true record of proceedings.

3. Questions and comments from residents

3.1. Queen's Jubilee and King's Coronation Organising Committee

The committee passed thanks to everyone involved in helping organise and facilitate such successful community events.

A Coronation Barn Dance was held in a marquee on the Village Green on Saturday 06 May followed by a Coronation Afternoon Tea on the Village Green on Sunday 7 May. This included a Dog and Pet Show and a Tug-O-War, which was won by Valley Lane.

A Produce Show and Sunflower Festival is planned for 23 September 2023.

3.2. Community notice board

As there is not a community notice board in the village anymore, the question of whether there were plans to reinstall one was raised. The Parish Council discussed this and decided that if it did revisit purchasing a notice board for the community, it would be best located at the Pinfold.

3.3. Bitteswell in Bloom

It was suggested that was something residents might be interested in.

3.4. Speeding cars

Lately there have reports of cars speeding and racing through the village. It was decided that the MVAS should be erected as soon as possible to see if this makes a difference. A Community Speedwatch group could be set up if it gets enough volunteers.

Approved & Signed:

Date:

3.5. Margaret Foster

It has been a difficult year for the Parish Council having lost Councillor Reg Flint in 2022 and Councillor Margaret Foster and earlier this year. The Parish Council has lost a wealth of knowledge with their passing.

The council has been approached by the Parochial Church Council with the notion of undertaking a joint memorial for Margaret.

There's not a lot we can say that shows how much we appreciated everything Margaret did. The Parish Council is really grateful for the time she spent helping the council, the village, the WI, the school, the church and many more, and she will be dearly missed.

The meeting was closed at 7.20pm

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