

GREATER WILLINGTON PARISH
18th May 2021
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Tinsley, Councillor Elgie, Councillor Henfrey, Councillor Read, Councillor Smith
Emma Mennouni (Deputy Town Clerk)
Helen Cogdon (Town Clerk)

WELCOME

Councillor Tinsley opened the Parish meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND OF PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

None received

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON THE 14th MAY 2019

In order to facilitate business the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting had been ratified at the next meeting on the 11th June 2019.

The minutes of the 14th May 2019 as printed and circulated were approved and taken as a true record.

Proposed Councillor Tinsley

Seconded Councillor Henfrey

4. THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Tinsley said;

The past year has been the final year of business for the current Town Council which was formed in 2017.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Councillors for their leadership on local initiatives. The last year has been dominated by Covid 19 and our response to the pandemic. This included the Town Council Covid Response Force which delivered hundreds of food parcels and hot meals at the height of the pandemic. I take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who stepped forward to support their community.

The Oakenshaw Neighbourhood Plan 2020-2035 has passed the referendum stage and will now be made meaning that it will form part of the statutory development plan for the area. GWTC are the qualifying body for the Neighbourhood Plan and have worked closely to deliver the plan with the Steering Group. This has been a real achievement for the Town Council.

Signed by the Chairman

Dated 8th June 2021

GWTC have taken ownership of the Town Council office as 67 High Street. This will be a permanent home and community asset. Work has started to transform the building.

The management of allotment is an important competence of the Town Council. We let ninety six allotment plots at Springfield, Oakenshaw and Park Top. We also own and lease the Rosedale and Victoria Allotment Site. This continues to be a key role for the Town Council providing an important facility for the Town. I would like to highlight Cllr Arthur Graham for his work in this area.

On behalf of all Council members would like to say thank you to Emma Mennouni, Deputy Town Clerk and Helen Cogdon, Town Clerk who have worked hard, on behalf of Greater Willington and the Town Council. They have consistently maintained the legal and professional standards expected of a local authority. I would also like to give thanks to Cllr Ken Henfrey, who has tirelessly supported me as Deputy Mayor.

Over the term of the last Council we have improved cctv, introduced safer speed zones and upgraded three playgrounds and made donations to numerous community activities through the Civic and Community Funds.

The Town Council are increasingly called upon to play a role in supporting services in the community in areas that have traditionally been provided by other bodies. The Town Council are now well established and in a strong position to develop and meet these challenges as we look to how we can further engage with the community.

5. COMMUNITY FORUM

There were no representatives from the community in attendance.

6. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Town Council 8th June 2021 at 6.30pm
Annual Parish Meeting 17th May 2022 at 6.00pm
Annual Meeting 17th May 2022 at 6.30pm

Meeting closed at 6.15pm

Signed by the Chairman
Dated 8th June 2021