**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF**

**ELLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL HELD**

**ON THURSDAY 25th MAY 2023 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors:

D Hares, H Holman, S Withey

Parish Clerk: J. McKeown

2 members of the public were in attendance

**Action**

**Item 1 Chairman’s Introduction to the meeting –** the meeting was chaired by Vice Chairman Councillor Holman

Apologies were accepted from Councillor’s McGrail, Panikkar and Glover

**Item 2 Minutes of 2022 meeting to be signed -**due to a change of office (Parish Clerk’s) the minutes from last year were not available so this was unable to be completed.

**Item 3 Chairman’s Report** Councillor Holman outlined the following points from the last Parish year as follows: -

* Footpath between the garage and nursing home on the A4010 was approved – still awaiting work to commence
* Jubilee event held in the recreation grounds was a great success and raised £1200 which was split between Lindengate and Chilterns MND charities
* Ten Jubilee trees planted in the recreation grounds
* New noticeboard erected at the entrance to Elm Close
* Village Hall re-furbished back offices
* EGM held re affordable housing and at the end of the meeting Councillor Panikkar stepped down as Chairman
* Councillor McGrail elected as new Chairman
* New HGV signs erected on the A4010 approaches to North Lee Lane
* Replacement bollards fitted in North Lee Lane
* Village Hall car park sign replaced
* Dangerous trees in Church yard felled
* Councillor Gordon stepped down creating a vacancy
* North Lee Lane re-surfaced
* New budget agreed and precept raised to £21000 for 2023/24
* New green waste area built for allotment holders
* Permissive path signs agreed with the Church and Bucks Council to help get pedestrians off the road on a dangerous bend
* Successful Coronation event held at the village hall raising approximately £1000 to be shared between two local charities -Wendover Dementia Care and the Chiltern MS Centre.
* MVAS costs go up due to a change in Roads management
* HS2 engagement continues with monthly meeting between Councillor Panikkar and the Clerk
* New Clerk has now been in position nearly one year already – June 6th

**Item 4 Accounts for the Year 2022/23 –** the Clerk reported that the current account stood at £20754.29 and the savings account at £25738.05

The current account is currently increased, due to a £1299 Vat refund from last year and funds received from the Coronation party ~ £1800 plus £500 from EKFB.

The Clerk also reported that the AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Report) has been completed, internally audited and is now with PKF Littlejohn the external auditors.

**Item 5 Affordable Housing** Councillor Hares reported that residents have received a letter reporting a revised plan on the Bucks Council planning portal. It asks for any further comments to be received by 5th June latest, to allow a decision to be considered.

**Item 6 Any Other Business**

* Pot holes on North Lee Lane between the new road surface and the level crossing were discussed
* A new speed survey on North Lee Lane was raised, and the floor was informed this is now on hold until the road re-opens after the HS2 and Network rail work is completed. The road is expected to be closed at the level crossing for several months from August 19th 2023
* North Lee Lane verges need to be cut back – Clerk to contact Steve Broadbent
* A grit bin at the top of North Lee Lane was discussed – it is dependent upon a hard standing by the bus stop which EPC are currently requesting through Bucks Council
* Enrolling new parishioners onto the Parish update was discussed
* Vacancy for the Councillor was discussed
* It was noted that the information in the Parish magazine was incorrect, stating an 8pm start to the Annual meeting. Clerk to ensure correct data is given to the editor.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed

Councillor McGrail

Chairman

Ellesborough Parish Council