



Rainow Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Held in the Main Hall, Rainow Institute,
Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 09:00 p.m.

Present:

Eleven Parish Councillors, the Clerk and one member of the public.

Apologies:

Cheshire East Councillor Hilda Gaddum and Cllr Katherine Beswick.

1.0 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman, John Cantrell, opened the meeting by welcoming those present.

2.0 Annual Chairman's Report

The Chairman then gave his account of Council business over the last twelve months:

"We find ourselves at year end again.

I was elected to the position as Chairman of Rainow Parish Council for a second term and Cllr Alan Brett was elected Vice Chairman.

The Council's Committee's stay as last year with the same Councillors involved.

The Council precept is £10,000.

At the end of last year the Council was in the process of installing three defibrillator, the last of these was installed in the unused telephone kiosk at Mount Pleasant.

The Council would like to take this opportunity thank Mr Peter Nixon for the free installation of all defibrillators and cabinets.

Thanks go to BT, the Church and the Robin Hood for their ongoing support at maintaining and housing the defibrillators.

As the defibrillators are an ongoing project, the team set up to maintain this programme has involved the First Responders in Bollington, who arranged a number of training sessions. As a result over 40 local residents have been trained to use these devices, so I thank them for their support. Training sessions will still be available in the future.

The Rainow Parish Council defibrillator group received the "Cardiac Smart Award" organised by the North West Ambulance Association. The only Parish Council in the North West to be presented with this Award, so well done to those involved.

From one success to another; after the Best Kept Village Group had worked their magic around the village, litter picking, planting flowers, general tidying up duties, as well as repairing and repainting the village notice boards. At the Cheshire Community Action Best Kept Village Event in October, Rainow won the "Best Kept Village runner up Award", the "Little Gem" award for Trinity Gardens and The Raven newsletter was given the highly commended award.

Thank you and well done to all those who have worked hard on these tasks.

The Parish Council applied and received a grant for repairs at the memorial gardens. To date the re-lettering and cleaning of the memorial has been completed. Other works including, repairs to the stone bench and flag relaying are on-going.

In September Rainow Parish Council held its Annual Civic Service. Attended by the Deputy Mayor of East Cheshire, Hilda Gaddum, Mayors from Macclesfield and Bollington and representatives from neighbouring councils and village groups.

Ann Williams, our village Mayor, presented Jo Rogers, a respected local resident with the "Services to the Community Award".

Chairman.....

In October, with support from the Parish Council, a nine day exhibition was held re-telling the stories of soldiers from the village who lost their lives during the 1st World War. Over 900 people visited and £1440 was donated from this event to ex-servicemen's charities.

Well done and thank you to all involved a very successful event.

By the end of October, the Rainow Bus Service was up and running, providing a shuttle service from Rainow to Macclesfield at weekends in the evenings with one off specials on Treacle Market days. The bus now provides additional transport for other groups in the village.

The Parish Council delivered a "Housing Needs Survey" given to residents of Rainow to assist the Council with the ongoing needs for the local community.

Results found that a low response rate of around 22% of people, which indicated they were happy with the present housing situation. Concern was shown regarding a lack of affordable homes for young people and not enough bungalows for our older residents in the village.

The Parish Council purchased a Christmas tree for the village and a joint service with Rainow Parish Church was held on a very cold December evening. The lights were switched on by Rainow Mayor Ann Williams.

Refreshments in the Church centre afterwards made it a special seasonal occasion.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hilda Gaddum (Ward Councillor) for her support to the Parish Council. As ever always only a telephone call away.

Also to Sarah Giller (the Clerk to the Parish Council) for all her hard work and commitment needed for the professional running of the Parish Council

Lastly, to all my fellow Councillors, for their support and advice on matters and tasks asked of them."

4.0 Public Participation

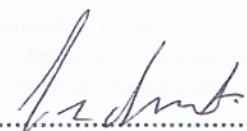
The Chairman then invited questions from the public. None were received.

5.0 Date of next Annual Meeting

Tuesday 15th March 2016.

There being no further questions, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

Minutes agreed by Rainow Parish Council as a true record.

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