

# **PITCHCOMBE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**13TH MAY 2021 7.30PM**

**Present:** Cllr Philippa James Acting Chairman  
Cllr Nigel Shaw  
Cllr Beverly Gorton  
Cllr Jamie Cross  
Cllr Richard Pearson  
Holly Paton Clerk

**In attendance:** Seven members of the public

Cllr James welcomed the parishioners and introduced the Councillors and Clerk. Due to the annual parish meeting being cancelled in 2020, Cllr Shaw gave the Chairman's report at this meeting.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

See attachment

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

No report received

## **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

An email from District Cllr Julie Job was received prior to the meeting. Cllr Job explained that due to the recent elections, there wasn't much to report, although work at the Stroud District Council offices was carrying on as usual, albeit most staff members were still having to work from home. Cllr Job requested a copy of the minutes following the evening's meetings.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The clerk gave a short update on the financial situation. The audit had recently been carried out which found the accounts to be accurate and fair. The clerk explained items on the accounts which were not on the budget such as the purchase of the laptop and the fee paid to ensure the website was compliant. No further questions were raised regarding the finance.

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Lucy Gorton gave an update on the reinstatement of the phone kiosk. Lucy explained that a location had been agreed following an extremely positive response from parishioners after posting an email on pitchcombe.net asking for suggestions about where to site the phone kiosk and for help with regards to restoration. 80% of those who responded to Lucy's email, agreed to help in some way. The Little family had been consulted.

Lucy and Cllr Gorton had recently been to see the phone kiosk, Lucy estimated that a quarter of a tonne of concrete was attached to the bottom and that the phone kiosk was in a good state of repair. Lucy had also met with SDC Yakub Mulla who advised her to instruct a company to collect and move the phone kiosk and to carry out all necessary ground works. Lucy suggested Smith's, based in Eastington. She also explained that she would look for sponsorship and/or crowdfunding to cover the costs involved.

Lucy was happy with the progress made and hopeful that funds could be raised. It was agreed that a quote from Smith's would be sought and sent to the parish council.

The parish council agreed to check their insurance policy in the meantime.

**There being no further questions, Cllr James thanked the parishioners for coming and also gave thanks to Cllr Shaw for all his work as Chairman.**

**The meeting closed at 7.58pm**