



BARTESTREE WITH LUGWARDINE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meetings will be held at 7.00pm
on Thursday 25th April 2024 at Bartestree Village Hall, HR1 4BY.

Attendance

Councillor's: Siobhan Green, Fiona Harris, Paul Hodges, Jennifer Karayiannis, Polly Smith (Chair) Wendy Soilleux, Andrew Thomas, David Welton & Ron Williams.

Clerk to the Council: Mr Richard James

Ward Member: Cllr Ivan Powell

Members of the Public: 9 Residents

1. Chairs welcome.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish meeting of Bartestree & Lugwardine Group Parish Council and gave a brief outline of the meeting. The Chair asked the residents to sit around the tables with the Community Field Designs on and a Parish Councillor who would explain the design. The Chair asked each of the Councillor's to stand and interduce themselves.

2. Apologies for absence.

There were apologies from Cllr's D Evans and P Wargent.

3. To approve the minutes of the 2023 Annual Parish Meeting.

The minutes of the 2023 Annual Parish Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.

4. To receive the Annual Report of the Parish Council.

The chair gave her annual report.

- a. I would firstly like to introduce our Parish Councillors, some of whom you already know, but we do have some new Councillors; Andy Thomas and David Welton. Councillors, could you please stand up and say hello?
- b. I would secondly like to give a big thank you to our outgoing Councillors, Lin Hoppe and Alan Long who have worked hard over the last 12 months on behalf of the Group Parish. Their contributions have been warmly welcomed and have enabled the Council in many ways.
- c. We have had a busy year, which runs from May 2023 to May 2024 and in that year we have achieved a lot, some big, some small.
- d. The main achievement of the Council has been enabling the Community Field Consultation, the compilation of the results and the outcome of the design that we hope everyone will like. The presentation for this will be immediately after the reports.
- e. We have appointed a Lengthsman for the Villages who you will shortly see around the Villages. Sorting and reporting issues that he is allowed to do.
- f. We have purchased a new all access picnic table for Frome Park
- g. We will be installing a beacon for this year's 80th D-Day Celebrations, which we hope everyone will come along to and enjoy.

- h. Some of our Councillors were kind enough to give up one of their mornings to remove the Old Mans Beard from the hole in the Community Field Hedge (opposite The Godwins) to enable the planting of new whips into that gap.
- i. We have asked children from Lugwardine Primary School to design signs for the new and old waste bins within the Villages that we hope you will enjoy. The Council had a very hard job to select the final 3 as the entries were all excellent.
- j. Councillor Green has been working hard on toward provide a Youth Club within in the Village. The Youngsters have many fine ideas for it and Volunteers are at the ready. Watch this space!
- k. Potholes! Can I please ask everybody to spread the word. If you spot one and you can take a photo of it, please upload to Herefordshire Website "Report It" Section! It does work and the more people who do it the more likelihood is that the repair will be undertaken more promptly.
- l. Lastly but by no means the least, we are happy to announce, after the approval of the family of Christopher Gibbons that the Community Field will be named after Christopher.

5. To invite the Public to raise any matters relevant to the Parish.

Lugwardine Parish Agenda

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5. To receive a report from The Lugwardine Charity.

Cllr Wendy Soilleux gave the report for The Lugwardine Charity.

The Trustees have met on four occasions during the past year. Revd. Tiffany Jackson (Rector) and Andrew Thomas (churchwarden) have been appointed as new trustees.

Over the past twelve months the charity has given grants with a total value greater than £10,000. Grants have been made for educational projects and for other charitable purposes in line with the object of the charity.

The Trustees are:	Dr. Richard Henderson	Chairman
	Mr. Jonathan Jackson	Treasurer
	Mrs. S W Soilleux	Secretary
	Revd. Tiffany Jackson	
	Mr. Andrew Thomas	

6. To receive a report from Diana Caroline Hopton Charity.

Cllr Wendy Soilleux gave the report for Diana Caroline Hopton Charity

The Diana Caroline Hopton Charity owns two alms-houses, which provide accommodation for two sets of residents. The Charity's reserves remain high, and the financial base is sound. Revd. Tiffany Jackson (Rector) and Andrew Thomas (churchwarden) have been appointed as new trustees.

In addition to the regular maintenance of the cottages, further work is planned to improve their energy efficiency.

One of the cottages is vacant at present but requires refurbishment. It will become available for a new resident later this year.

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There were no questions raised by the members of the public.

Presentation of the New Community Field Design

The volume of the room quickly increased by the residents' asking questions for the Councillors about the new agreed design of the Community Field and the reasons on why certain equipment was place in area. It was generally felt that the design was fit for purpose and the residents were looking forward to the work starting.

A question was asked about the cost and funding, it was explained that the Parish Council had about £36k of S106 money and a small reserve set aside by the Parish Council. But there would be a need for external funding, either by way of things like Lottery grants, Sport England grants or a wealth resident.

The meeting was closed at 7.55pm.



Chair of the Parish Council