

# Annual Village Meeting



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Minutes of the Annual Aynho Village Meeting (or Assembly) held by Aynho Parish Council in Aynho Village Hall (and virtually) on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021** at 7:30pm.

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## Chairman

Cllr. Leslie Leighton, Chairman of Aynho Parish Council

## In attendance

Cllrs: Jonathan Clinch, David Dean, Liz Hadley, Les Horley, Rachel Moroney and Dawn Willis

Clerk: Chris Wilson

Electorate: 14 members of the public.

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| <b>1</b>  | <b>Welcome and introduction by Chairman, Cllr. Leslie Leighton.</b><br>The Chairman welcomed the public and introduced the current councillors.   |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>Apologies.</b><br>Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Jeremy James, Cllr. David Icke, Graham Gibbs (Public) and Deborah Gibbs (Public).   |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>Approve the minutes of Annual Village Meeting 2019.</b><br>No issues were raised by public and therefore proposed by Cllr. Dean and seconded by Cllr. Clinch.  |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>Matters Arising from the Minutes.</b><br>None.   |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>Brief Reports:</b>   |
| <b>a</b>  | <b>Chairman's Report: 2019-2021.</b><br>The Chair introduced the <a href="#">Annual Village Report 2021</a> and the results and outcomes from the <a href="#">village survey</a> . These included the lack of daily bus service, pub closure due to the pandemic and no village shop. It was noted that during the pandemic the sports facilities were well used. |
| <b>b</b>  | <b>Cllr. Rebecca Breese, West Northants Council (WNC).</b><br>WNC Cllr. Breese <a href="#">reported</a> the change to the new unitary authority with planning being more locally managed, no difference to Highways other than economies of scale. Northamptonshire County Council bequeathed £48m in reserves to WNC.  |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>Aynho Parish Council Updates.</b>  |
| <b>a</b>  | <b>Aynho Eco</b>  |
| <b>i</b>  | The Council reported some verges had been left to go fallow.  |
| <b>ii</b> | The Council reported less maintenance on some areas such as the orchard, mound and entrance mound by gate where badgers are believed to be.   |

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| iii      | The Council reported some progress on a cycle or pedestrian path to the wharf and future ideas of community bulk purchase and larder.  |
| <b>b</b> | <b>Traffic, Highways and Parking</b>   |
|          | The Council reported 'Speedwatch' was not able to start as training had been suspended due to the pandemic. The latest traffic data showed 5500 traffic movements each direction per day. The proposed Highways scheme for 'Wembley corner' was introduced, however a timescale for the works was unknown.     |
| <b>c</b> | <b>Aynho Active</b>  |
|          | Cllr. Icke was unavailable, however events and activities included; a Spring Fayre, end of 'lockdown' event, marquee to left erected over the summer, Quiz and Curry night and some new facilities.  |
| <b>d</b> | <b>Community Matters</b>   |
|          | The Council reported that they were willing to help and financially support residents in 'start-up' schemes for new clubs, societies or activities.  |
| <b>e</b> | <b>Grants and Fundraising</b>  |
|          | The Council reported there were plenty of grants available, however ideas generated by residents for schemes could be funded, such as; tree planting, wharf path/cycle path.   |
| <b>f</b> | <b>Finance</b>   |
|          | The Council reported Stephen Brook, previously a Councillor and Chairman, had been appointed the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO). The new lighting scheme had already shown an 83% saving in electric and the PC were now using an electronic book keeping package which would also save time in the future. |
| <b>7</b> | <b>Questions or Resolutions from the public</b>  |
| Public   | 'Very impressed on the report, thanks'   |
| Public   | Could the village website be more user friendly?   |
| PC       | The website holds a lot of information, links and pictures, something more commercial would be expensive and the existing website had minimal running costs.   |
| Public   | 50% of households didn't respond to the survey and the overwhelming outcome was that a shop was very high on amenities of interest.  |
| PC       | A previous scheme for a shop was pursued in 2008, however there wasn't a suitable premises to site.  |
| Public   | 'There is no public space to let pets off the lead?'   |
| Public   | A shop or Post Office is great; however, it needs to be used; there was a path to the wharf many years ago; there have been two previous 'Speedwatch' campaigns; Charlton Road suffers badly to speeders.  |
|          | There being no other questions or resolutions the meeting was closed at 8:36pm.  |