

MINUTES POUGHILL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Held in the Village Hall at 7:15pm on Wednesday 8th May 2024

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Attendees: Cllr Wellerd (Chair), Cllr Colthorpe, Cllr Wild, Cllr English.

1. Apologies – James Clark.

2. Chair's Report.

2.1 I'm happy to say that for the first time in quite a few years there have been no changes in personnel over the last 12 months. I would like to thank my fellow councillors and our Clerk for your commitment, it is much appreciated.

During the year we have been able to award grants to the Village Hall, for a Coronation event and to assist with general repairs, and to the Playpark for their RoSPA inspection. Once again, we would like to thank our residents who give up so much of their free time to help run our local community organisations. The work they do is appreciated by all and goes towards making Poughill such a special place to live in. To assist them with this valuable work we have a small amount of grant funding available again this year, which we would encourage them to apply for.

We would like to thank those residents who have attended our council meetings and contacted us with their concerns. Our responses have included arranging to lift the crown of a tree in the churchyard to allow better access to the graves and liaising with Highways to carry out a repair to a damaged drain outside the Glebe.

We have continued to produce the quarterly newsletter, which is still delivered free of charge to all households in the Parish. Although the sharp increase in the cost of postage stamps has meant we have had raise the postal subscription rate to £8 per annum.

Looking to the year ahead, we will be working with a couple of residents who have approached us with a proposal to 'wild' the churchyard. This will be on a trial basis in small areas of the churchyard in the first instance, with a view to expanding the areas if it proves to be successful.

Finally, we are looking forward to continuing to represent our residents and doing what we can to improve the well-being of our community over the coming year.

3. Open Session - There was nothing raised for discussion.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm.