

PLUMSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 22 May 2024 at 6.15 pm in Plumstead Church

CLlr Faulkner opened the meeting, welcoming all.

Attendees:

Brian Faulkner (Chair), Nick Fulford (Vice-Chair), Pip Burden, David Logan & Cherrie Woods (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: 2

1. Welcome

CLlr Faulkner opened the minutes and welcomed all attending.

2. Approve minutes of meeting held on 10th May 2023

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record by CLlr Faulkner

3. Report from Chairman of Plumstead Parish Council

The Parish Council comprising Brian Faulkner, Nick Fulford, David Logan, Pip Burden, and Ruth Campion-Ridge met formally on five occasions during the year. Maxine Hayes our clerk retired in March of this year, and Cherrie Woods has kindly agreed to be our new clerk effectively from the beginning of April. The council thanks Maxine for her work and wishes her a happy retirement.

Under Maxine's guidance the Council has moved banks from HSBC to Unity Trust Bank. The council would like to thank David Logan for his many hours of faithful work in helping to achieve this move.

The regular cutting of the Pond grass and the annual cutting of the wildflower meadow has been achieved using the same contractors. A parish working party at the pond in the autumn resulted in some of the bushes being trimmed.

Under Steve Price's direction a group of 8 volunteers have continued to regularly cut the grass of flag pole garden and most of the churchyard. Their work is deeply appreciated.

Highways, at the Councils request, have reinstated the road roundels at both ends of the village, and have straightened the finger post at the junction with Little Barningham Rd.

Nick Fulford and Brian Faulkner in February of this year carried out a risk assessment of the Councils Parish Assets.

Mike Ray-Jones has replaced Keith Harding as this village's 'flag man' responsible for the flying of the flag on National days of celebration and in marking parishioner's birthdays.

A replacement seat for the flagpole garden has been purchased by the Council following two generous donations and is now in place.

A litter pick organised by the Council in April of this year resulted in a large pile of rubbish being correctly disposed of. Our thanks to all involved.

A planning application concerning the conversion of a redundant barn and building of a new garage and office at Plumstead House was considered by the council, who while supporting the application expressed concern as to its effect on its immediate neighbour.

The Council's sincere thanks are due to Michael McMahon who in April of this year stepped down as editor of Church and Village News. Michael has quietly and faithfully enabled the publishing of an effective means of village communication, and his painstaking work is deeply appreciated. A letter of thanks will be sent.

4. Update on proposed partial re-ordering of Plumstead Parish Church

The Church Warden attended the meeting and kindly provided an update. Money is in the process of being raised for works to be carried out to the church including moving pews and the font. The amount currently raised allows some work to commence and builders Residents comments & questions estimates are awaited. Grants & fund raising is also being explored to be able to complete all repairs.

5. Residents comments & questions

None

Meeting closed at 6.25pm

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