

# **WIGGINTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 8 pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs S Walker (in the Chair), T Axon (Vice Chair), C Maisey, C Pattison – Lora, S Stillwell, K Western and the Clerk to the Council Gosia Turczyn

Also present were eight members of the public.

**1 Chairman's Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed all those present and explained format of the proceedings.

**2 Appointment of the Clerk to the meeting.**

Gosia Turczyn was appointed Clerk to the meeting.

**3 Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr S O'Sullivan.

**4 Minutes of Annual Assembly held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to be approved and signed as a true record.**

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were accepted as a true record of proceedings. The Minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

**5 Report from the Chairman.**

**The Chairman read out his report:**

"Dear Parish Council Members and Community

I am pleased to present the Chairman's report for Wigginton Parish Council, highlighting the activities and accomplishments of our council over the past year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all members of the Council and our community. It has been an eventful year, filled with progress and community engagement.

A key consideration of the Parish Council is to ensure we understand the needs of our residents, and we have actively sought input from our community through public meetings and a survey in this year's Oddy. This allows us to understand the concerns, ideas, and aspirations of our residents, and guides our decision-making process.

In the last year, we have prioritised maintenance and improvement of our communities infrastructure and facilities. We are particularly proud of our support for the fibre optic broadband community partnership with Openreach, which has helped to bring Ultrafast broadband to Wigginton. This represents a significant investment in Wigginton from Openreach, and ensures our community is not left behind on the digital superhighway. Many thanks to all members of the community that helped make this happen.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cllr Matt Carr who has recently stepped down from the council, who was instrumental in co-ordinating the Ultrafast Broadband initiative, together with Cllr Charles Maisey. He will remain involved by heading up a subcommittee until its completion.

I would also like to welcome Cllr Keith Western who has joined the council and is heading up communications.

Last summer we re-started our "Big Picnic" event, which had been curtailed due the pandemic. The event was a real success and very well attended, and it was great to see so many members of our community enjoying themselves together. We are running the event again this year on the Sat 15th July so please come along and enjoy a picnic. The yearly bonfire night celebration will also be happening this year on the Sat 4th September.

The planning is busy as always and we carefully consider the future development of our parish. We are also trying to put together a local development plan to ensure responsible growth and preserve our community's unique character.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to the members of the council for their dedication, hard work, and commitment to our community. Together, we have achieved significant milestones and made a positive impact on the lives of our residents.

I also extend my heartfelt thanks to the residents of our parish for their ongoing support, feedback, and involvement. Your active participation is vital to our success and the continued growth of our community.

Looking ahead, I am confident that we will build upon our achievements, tackle challenges, and create a thriving and inclusive parish for all."

The Chairman thanked his fellow parish Councillors for ongoing support and commitment to the community and asked them to introduce themselves to members of the public and explain their area of responsibility on the Council.

## **6 Meeting open to the Public.**

Members of the public said that they enjoyed reading this year's Oddy and Cllr Axon explained that the Newsletter contains all the information about the activities and projects that the Council had done in the last year.

There were no further questions and the Annual Assembly of the Parish of Wigginton closed at 20:40