

## **BARBY AND ONLEY - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Held on MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom Video Conference online meeting  
Under the Chairmanship of Councillor Paul Reynolds.**

as permitted under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings)(England and Wales) Regulations 2020

**Chairman:** Councillor Paul Reynolds- Chairman of Barby & Onley Parish Council.

**Present:** District Councillor Catherine Lomax.

14 members of the parish plus Mr Andrew Simpson from Kilsby.

Parish Clerk – Catherine Camp.

The Annual Parish Meeting is held to celebrate and promote local activities and achievements. It must be held between 1 March and 1 June and is chaired by the Parish Council Chairman, but it is not a Parish Council meeting.

The Chairman welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

**1. Apologies:** were received from Adrian Cooper.

**2. Minutes:** The minutes of the Annual Meeting of 29th April 201 were taken as read, approved and were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

**3. Matters Arising:** None.

**4. Barby & Onley Parish Council Chairmans Report** was read which outlined all the achievements of the year.

**5. County Councillor Malcolm Longley** provided a report which was read by the Chairman.

**District Councillor Catherine Lomax** read a report. She also reported that the harmonisation of rates by the new Unitary Authority to bring the rating levels of South Northants, Northampton Borough and Daventry District in line is going to be spread over 7 years to even out any increases.

**District Councillor Ian Robertson** was asked to provide a report and was invited to the meeting but he did not either acknowledge the invitation or provide any sort of written report.

A special vote of thanks was given to Councillor Catherine Lomax who has been a Parish Councillor for 42 years, and was first elected as a District Councillor for the parish in 1998.

### **6. Elections for new Councillors**

The Chairman reminded all those present that Elections will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and that the deadline for submission of nomination papers is Thursday 8 April at 4pm. He encouraged anyone who wanted to help improve the community to consider submitting a nomination paper.

### **7. Village Hall Report – Mick Grange**

This year had been particularly difficult for the village hall as a Community Venue due to loss of revenue and having to comply with different guidelines for different user groups. A government grant has eased the financial loss, however pre-school has relocated to the Primary school meaning a loss of nearly 25% of the village hall regular income.

The two smaller rooms in the Village hall have been redecorated and the car park has been resurfaced.

The hall has been shut since December 2020 but can reopen to childrens sports activities from 12 April and can operate at 50% capacity from 17<sup>th</sup> May so long as it can be managed in a Covid safe way. By 21 June it should be fully operational again in line with the Government regulations.

The hall will be used for the Elections on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

There were no questions, and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and wished those standing for election the best of luck.

In the absence of further business the meeting closed at 20.15

NB: All Reports can be viewed on the parish website. [www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk)

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