

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023  
IN TICKNALL VILLAGE HALL**

**1) In attendance**

Councillors Paul Colleyshaw (Chair), Christina Oppenheimer (Vice Chair), John Bentley, Alison Thornhill, Jen Woodhead, David Scott, 5 members of the public, Celia Bunston (the Clerk).

**2) Welcome and Introduction**

Councillor Paul Colleyshaw, the Chair of the Parish Council welcomed everybody and thanked them for coming. He introduced the newly elected Parish Council.

**3) Apologies:** District Councillor Kerry Haines. District Councillor James Lowe, and County Councillor David Muller.

**4) Approval of 2022 Minutes:** Councillor Colleyshaw signed the minutes.

**5) Matters arising from the Minutes:** There were no matters arising.

**6) Parish Council Chairman's Overview of the Annual Report 2022-2023**

Things are slowly returning to normal but dealing with the agencies that affect our daily lives is much slower than two years ago. The issue with the public toilets is still ongoing, planning requests are taking longer to be responded to but generally we are faring reasonably well as a village. As a Parish Council we are mindful of our responsibility to act in the best interests of the village, we are able to fulfil our obligation in maintaining The Grange and also supporting the Village Hall. That said I am pleased that we have not had to increase our precept this year.

Traffic through the village still remains a concern but the reality is that there are too many cars on the roads everywhere and public transport needs a radical overhaul. The temporary traffic restrictions were implemented last March, reviewed by Derbyshire County Council in September who decided to make the scheme permanent. We are still monitoring the drainage system through the village, reporting problems when they occur to the relevant agencies but they appear to be coping well with the increased rainfall that we have had over the past few years.

We were able to have the carols round the tree which was well attended as usual. As I write we are putting the finishing touches to the Coronation Celebrations that will be held in May. Following the success of the Platinum Jubilee weekend in June 2022, I am sure this will be another great weekend for all the village to enjoy. Let's hope that the weather is kind to us.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> the Parish Council stands for election. Two of our councillors are not standing this time, Alan Buxton and Nigel Picken. Nigel has been on the Council since 2011, several years as Chairman. It would be remiss not to place on record our grateful thanks to him for his service that he has given to the Community for the past twelve years.

*Councillor Paul Colleyshaw - Chair Ticknall Parish Council 2022-2023*

**TICKNALL PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23**

**Precept**

The Parish Council requested a precept of £13500.00. We also received a Government Grant of £822.00.

**Planning**

The Parish Council has been consulted by South Derbyshire District Council on 31 planning applications over the year.

**Maintenance of the Pavilion and The Grange**

We have honoured the lease we have with South Derbyshire District Council on The Grange by carrying out repairs and maintenance of the Pavilion and The Grange at a cost of £5873. Councillor Colleyshaw continues to carry out two weekly safety inspections of The Grange and of the play equipment.

Full details of all cricket fixtures are on the Cricket Club website [www.ticknall.play-cricket.com](http://www.ticknall.play-cricket.com). everyone is welcome at The Grange to enjoy great cricket, full bar, sky sports, free Wi-Fi.

### Parish Council Newsletter

We have produced a quarterly newsletter for over 18 years now which we use to inform parishioners what the Parish Council is doing, to pass on information from South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council and other organisations. We publicise events held by groups that use Ticknall Village Hall, St. George's Church, Ticknall Methodist Chapel and other local groups. Any local group is welcome to put in any information if space allows.

The newsletter is now available online at the Parish Council's website [www.ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk) The Parish Council also has a Facebook page: Ticknall PC, but we still continue to deliver a copy to each house.

### Christmas Eve Carol Singing

The Parish Council was able to hold the Christmas Eve Carol Singing event this year again. We collected £144.41. We topped this up to £400.00 and gave a donation St. George's Church and Ticknall Methodist Chapel of £200 each.

### Donations and Grants

We made donations this year of £1330 to local charities, and £75 to the Poppy Appeal for the provision of a wreath.

This year the Parish Council applied for and was granted £3000 from the National Forest for the provision of a community orchard. Our thanks go to local person Jennie Lloyd for asking the Parish Council to consider the idea of the orchard for the Queen's Green Canopy as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Our thanks also go to Jennie, The National Trust for providing the land and the tenants of the land for generously giving their blessing, the Ticknall Preservation & Historical Society, and the Ticknall Bellringers for donating £300 each towards the project. Thanks also go to the volunteers who generously gave their time to plant and water the trees

### Accounts 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

The unaudited accounts and all the supporting documents relating to the accounts can be inspected by any member of the electorate at any reasonable time arranged with the Clerk, between Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023. You also can exercise your rights as electors with regard to the annual accounts of the Parish Council and question the auditors PKF Littlejohn about any items in the accounts under the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 by contacting PKF Littlejohn (REF: SBA Team), in writing, at the following address:

1 Westferry Circus  
Canary Wharf  
LONDON, E14 4HD

#### Summary of Accounts: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022:	£32554
Annual Precept	£13500.00
Total other receipts	£11946
<b>Total</b>	<b>£58000</b>
Staff Costs	£3957
Total other payments	£20018
<b>Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>	<b>£34025</b>

Included in the payments this year are £5873 spent on The Grange and pavilion, and £1405 on grants and donations.

*Celia Bunston, Clerk to the Council – AnnualReport23*

## **7) Highlights from organisations**

### **Ticknall Community Orchard**

Councillor Colleyshaw reported on the progress of the orchard, which is sited in Archway Field, accessed via Bantons Lane. A year ago, to commemorate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's 70 years on the throne, the Parish Council decided to plant a community orchard containing heritage fruit trees. Last winter we planted 7 fruit trees and in spring this year we planted a further 14. We have put in two new benches, and replaced the farm and pedestrian gates at the entrance. We hope to plant some more trees this autumn to finish off the project.

### **Ticknall Village Hall**

£50,000 has been spent on upgrading the village hall over the past 8 years, and they are doing well for bookings. They would like to cut back on outside bookings and make the hall available for more community events. Everyone who uses the hall is very complementary about its facilities.

### **Ticknall 22WI**

Councillor Oppenheimer reported that Ticknall 22WI was re-established a year ago and has just had its first Annual Meeting. The group now has 41 members and a healthy bank balance. The WI had a very successful afternoon tea last year, a trip to the theatre and a visit to Stamford. They continue to have some interesting speakers and fun activities at meetings.

### **Ticknall Art Group**

Celia Bunston sent a report about the art group:

Ticknall Art Group has had a very busy year with 15 members. We try to have at least three tutors in a year, which the members enjoy very much and inspire them to try different media, but this year thanks to a grant of £800 from County Councillor David Muller, we have been able to have double amount of tutors. These sessions are very enjoyable for the members of the group.

## **TICKNALL PRESERVATION AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Chairman informed us the Society had a good year despite Covid with a large active membership. During the season we had a guided tour of Melbourne Hall Gardens and talks on Stoneywell, The Vikings, Life of a Roman Soldier, The Plague, The Moon and TG Pottery.

### **Financial Report**

The Society is in a good position financially and has a healthy balance of £6,775

### **Election of Committee**

The following Committee Members were elected unopposed, David Fern - Chairman, Celia Sanger – Treasurer, Barry Hill – Publicity, Suzanne Tandy - Programme, Jennifer Illseley, Pat Robey, Barbara Crowden, Ken Crowden, Margaret Hill

## **8) Open Forum**

Gill Holt came to say, that, on behalf of the village past and present, she wanted to thank the Parish Council for all the support it gives to the village, especially last year's Jubilee celebrations, and this year's Coronation celebrations. She wanted to thank Christina Oppenheimer and her team who organised the coronation events. She asked that her thanks be put into the next newsletter.

Jayne and John who run the Staff of Life asked that if they can support the village in any way, they are willing to help. The Clerk will add their contact details to receive agendas and minutes of meetings.

Ticknall villager Barry Hanson wanted to say that the coronation event was very good, the food, especially the fish and chips, which were of excellent quality, the entertainment which was provided by Bow Belles quartet, and the camaraderie was outstanding.

He is concerned about potholes, as we all are, these can be reported to Derbyshire County Council. He is concerned also about the exit from Ingleby Lane onto Main Street, which is dangerous. The Parish Council has been working on this problem for many years, and has succeeded in getting the yellow lines extended and the bus stop opposite extended.

Barry complained about motor cyclists travelling through Ticknall at 4.00am in the morning. He also commented that the reduced traffic through the village during Covid made us appreciate what a lovely village we have.

*The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.*

*Celia Bunston. Clerk to the Council*