

**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting of Melksham Without
Parish Council held on Monday, 15 April 2024 at 7.00pm
At Melksham Rugby Club, Oakfields Stadium, Eastern Way**

Present: David Pafford (Vice Chair), Alan Baines, John Doel, Martin Franks, Mark Harris, Shona Holt, Nathan Keates, Peter Richardson, Robert Shea-Simonds and Richard Wood

Officers: Teresa Strange, Clerk; Lorraine McRandle; Parish Officer; Marianne Rossi, Finance & Amenities Officer

In attendance: Wiltshire Councillors Phil Alford (Melksham Without North & Shurnhold), Nick Holder (Bowerhill), Jonathon Seed (Melksham Without West & Rural), Councillor Tom Price (Deputy Mayor, Melksham Town Council), Simon Partington and Simon Goodwin, Cyber Crime Prevention Officers, Wiltshire Police

42 Members of public

Via Zoom: Councillor John Glover and representative from Crimestoppers

1. Welcome, Housekeeping and Apologies

Councillor Pafford welcomed everyone to the meeting and pointed out the various fire exits.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Glover who was on holiday. It was noted Councillor Chivers was not present, with Councillor Russell currently having a 3-month leave of absence.

2. To receive Chair's report on the work of the Council during the year.

In the absence of Councillor Glover, Councillor Pafford as Vice Chair, read out the Chair's report on the work of the Council during the last year and plans for the following year, included in the Annual Parish Booklet (**Appendix 1**) and on the parish council website.

3. To receive reports from the Wiltshire Councillors for the Parish

Reports from Wiltshire Councillors Phil Alford, Nick Holder and Jonathon Seed were included in the Annual Parish Booklet (**Appendix 2**) and on the parish council website.

The Chair invited Wiltshire Councillors to speak if they wished to add anything further to their written reports.

Councillors Phil Alford, Nick Holder and Jonathan Seed addressed the meeting and provided updates on their reports included within the Annual Parish Booklet. The opportunity for questions was given, but not taken up.

4. To receive reports from Organisations and Groups in the parish

Reports are included in **Appendix 3** of the Annual Parish Booklet. Groups and organisations were invited to speak on accepting their grant; no one wished to address the meeting at this stage.

5. To receive short presentation from guest speakers Simon Partington and Simon Goodwin, Cyber Crime Prevention Officers, Wiltshire Police

Simon Partington and Simon Goodwin gave a short presentation on cyber security and the various ways people could protect themselves from being hacked. They were very happy to come out and give a more thorough session to any organisation that was interested, the session tonight was very much an introductory taster session. They can be contacted at: cyber@wiltshire.police.uk

6. To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan Review

Councillor Pafford as Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group provided an update on the neighbourhood plan review advising that further consultation would be taking place in the near future. Changes had been made to the revised Plan to reflect the responses made at the Regulation 14 formal consultation before Christmas.

7. Comment and question time: to receive suggestions and proposals concerning any matter of interest in the parish including provision of recreational, cultural and other amenities for the parish.

No questions were received from the members of the public.

8. To present Grant Aid cheques to local organisations and groups.

The Vice Chair presented Grant Aid cheques to those groups and organisations who had been awarded a grant, having provided a service which benefitted the residents of the Parish.

The Chairman invited groups and organisations to say a few words whilst receiving their grant cheques, with representatives from all the groups thanking the parish council for their support and providing an explanation of the services they provided and what they would be spending their grant funding on.

Meeting finished at 8.45pm

Signed
Full Council Meeting, 22 April 2024