

MINUTES OF THE HINTS WITH CANWELL ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

held at Hints Village Hall on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 7:00pm

Present: Cllr. S Petford (Chair), Cllr. G Kynaston, Cllr. P Kynaston, Cllr. P Fice,
Cllr. S Shepherd, SCC Cllr. D Smith

Public in Attendance: Three

Minute Taker & Clerk Gemma Burgess, clerk@hintswithcanwellpc.co.uk

- 1. Welcome:** Cllr. S Petford welcomed all to the meeting.
- 2. Apologies:** Apologies were received from LDC Cllr. B Yeates, Cllr. S Clarke & Cllr. P.D. Lucas.
- 3. Minutes:** The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2023 at 7:00pm were agreed as a true record.

4. Chairman's Annual Report:

Cllr. S Petford reported:

- That there is no sign of progress in getting the gullies emptied.
- That there's a stalemate in terms of progress at the Ford to alleviate flooding.
- That potholes were still a significant worry in the parish.

All these concerns are still being raised and chased by the parish council, but residents were urged to make their own reports to the county council regarding potholes.

Cllr. S Petford expressed her thanks to:

- LDC Cllr. B Yeates and SCC Cllr. D Smith for their support during the year.
- Cllrs. Geoff and Pam Kynaston for their tireless work behind the scenes.
- Cllr. Simon Clarke who helps a lot.
- Cllr. S Shepherd, Cllr. PD Lucas and Cllr. P Fice for the work they're going to do.
- Gemma, the Clerk, for the work during the year.

5. Open session:

- **Potholes**

Residents were requested to log any concerns with Staffordshire County Council with the parish council doing the same. Concerns were raised that vehicles were being damaged but the process of claiming from the county council is too onerous. It was also raised that there doesn't seem to be any logic in which potholes are addressed and which are left; there was a lack of confidence in the Council's contractor to fulfil the work assigned diligently. SCC Cllr. D Smith commented that the County Council now has a new "Roadmaster" piece of equipment to repair the roads but that an unprecedented amount of water has been breaking up the roads. Residents and councillors felt this issue has been going on for much longer than the current period of rainfall.

- **Gullies/Flooding**

The gullies are still full of soil, sand and stone. These have been continuously reported to Staffordshire County Council but have not been cleared. Cllr. P Kynaston commented that she had recently found paperwork from 2011 relating the flooding in Canwell and the lengths residents are going to in order to protect their property.

- **The Quadrangle, Canwell**

Residents raised concerns at the lack of signage which meant properties were difficult to find & raised the idea of gates to improve security. Residents were told that they could put signage up on private land. SCC Cllr. D Smith advised that gates, subject to planning permission, permission from the Canwell Estate and being funded by the residents, shouldn't be an issue on a private road.

The Chairman thanked all those present for their attendance and participation and declared the meeting closed at 7:35pm.

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