

**Hothfield Annual Parish Meeting****Minutes 02/21**

Wednesday 5 May 2021 18:30

Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Attendees: Cllr I Lloyd, Chairman, Cllr M Merrion (Vice) Chairman Cllr P Sutcliffe,  
Cllr G Cox & Mrs M Norris (Clerk)

<b><u>Agenda Item</u></b>	<b><u>Item</u></b>
1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Clair Bell had sent apologies prior to the meeting
2.	Acceptance of the 2019 Minutes The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and signed accordingly.
3	Matters Arising from the Minutes There were no matters arising.
4	<b><u>Parish Council Chairman's Report</u></b> The Chairman reported that despite a challenging year the parish council were still able to conduct meetings via Zoom thereby maintaining the activities of the Parish Council. Throughout the last year much thought and discussion has taken place around the solar funding and the ideas put forward by residents. The list has now been narrowed down and it is the intention of the PC to hold a public meeting with residents later in the year to discuss findings. The proposed date is September but this is yet to be confirmed. The Chairman thanked all the PC members for their work and support with special mention to Cllr Merrion for her hard work with NatWest and Cllr Cox for all the work he has undertaken in relation to planning matters, and to the Clerk for her support.
5	<b><u>Parish Council Financial Statement</u></b> A copy of the financial statement had been issued to all prior to the meeting. No questions were raised. Cllr Merrion explained that although the figures looked at first glance that there was a profit of £6k what that figure does not show is the £5.9k is set aside for the solar funds which is to be spent and in addition the £3k that has been earmarked for the MUGA and the fencing project. If you were to remove these figures, we have a loss of around £2750 which was expected.
6	<b><u>Borough Councillors Report</u></b> No report had been received
7	<b><u>County Councillors Report</u></b> No report had been received. The Chairman expressed his sadness of hearing about the death of Cllr Simkins' wife. Our thoughts are with him and his family at this time.
8	<b><u>Exchange of Information between attendees</u></b> Cllr Cox raised concerns about the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting being joined, and hoped that the PC would recognise that some aspects of this meeting should /could be included in the village residents meeting that will be held later in the year. All in attendance were happy for this to be the case.

	<p>The clerk confirmed that although the meeting had been advertised on social media and the PC's website, no members of the public had expressed an interest in attending.</p> <p>There being no other items the chairman concluded the Hothfield Parish Council meeting at 6:50pm.</p>
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