# WITTERING PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners**
**held at 7.00 pm on 12th May 2022 in Wittering Parish Hall**

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| **PRESENT** | John Bradshaw (Chairman) |
| | Gerry Crosbie |
| | Julia Cunnington |
| | Simon Hurn |
| | Maxine Palmer |
| | Emma Wilson-Jones |
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| **IN ATTENDANCE** | Wg Cdr Margaret Boyle, RAF Wittering |
| | Mark Davis, Community Development Officer, RAF Wittering |
| | Paul Vasey, Allison Homes |
| | 16 Members of the Public |
| | Deirdre McCumiskey, Clerk to the Council |

The Parish Councillors and Parish Clerk introduced themselves.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
   There were apologies for absence from Geoff Dunkley, Gavin Elsey (PCC Ward Councillor), Gillian and Ricky Amos (2nd Wittering Scouts)

2. **MINUTES** of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on 20th May 2021 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR COUNCIL YEARS 2021-2022**

   This was read out by the Chairman and will be put onto the Parish Council Website

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

   The Members of the Public raised the following issues:

   - A Wittering Parish Council Facebook Page.  Maxine Palmer volunteered to investigate this, and Becki Sharman stated she would be willing to assist.  Twitter and Instagram Accounts and any other relevant Social Media will also be considered.
   - Photographs of the Parish Councillors on the Website and Noticeboard.  This will be arranged.
   - A Village Newsletter.  This will be investigated.
   - Witter Pickers reported that they now have suitable equipment to help with the litter picking.  Thanks were expressed to those who undertake this voluntary work to keep the village in a neat and tidy state.
   - The MoD Bins in the Playpark have not been emptied for several weeks.  Mark Davis will investigate this.
   - The rubbish bin outside the Community Shop is frequently full.  The Chairman will discuss this with Gavin Elsey.
   - Cigarette butts being dropped near the Sports & Social Club by RAF Personnel.  Mark Davis will investigate this.

- Dog Foul Bin erected by Allison Homes.  Paul Vasey will remove it as he needs to obtain approval before Aragon will empty it.
- Problems with working out 'who owns what' and 'who is responsible for what' in the village, for example Peterborough City Council, Parish Council, MoD, Priam, etc.  Anthony Wilson-Jones is investigating this.
- A Planning Application to extend the Landfill Site.  As this is not in the Parish of Wittering, the Parish Council will not be asked to comment on it.  If Thornhaugh Parish Council is asked to comment on it, Wittering Parish Council would be willing to assist in its response.
- Problems with flooding and drains in the village, particularly Embry Road and Parker Road.  These need to be reported to Peterborough City Council with photographs attached (if available).
- Uneven and overgrown paths.  These need to be reported to Peterborough City Council with photographs attached (if available).
- Felling of trees in the village.  If the MoD are felling trees on its land, replacement trees will be planted between October and March.  The Chairman had undertaken a walk around the village with Mike Horne, John Clare Countryside Project and he will discuss this with him.
- Potholes.  These need to be reported to Peterborough City Council with photographs attached (if available).
- The state of Old Oundle Road which is becoming narrower due to the roads collapsing at the edges and grass growing over the road.  These need to be reported to Peterborough City Council with photographs attached (if available).
- No Parish Council Election on 5th May 2022.  This was because there were only 7 nominations for 9 vacancies.
- Some of the Townsend Road flats 'residents are not putting their wheelie bins away after they have been emptied and leave them on the path.  This is not the responsibility of the Parish Council but the residents themselves.
- Russell Pye thanked the Parish Council for the support that has been given to the Sports & Social Club and Football Club over the past year.

## 5.   CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 7.30 pm


**SIGNED**          _____          **DATE**

                    **Chairman**