

Pulham St Mary Parish Council Monthly Report

The Councillors of Pulham St Mary Parish Council attended a remote Annual Parish Council Meeting on 4th May 2021. The APM commenced at 7.30pm, reports and draft minutes are on the parish website.

Cllr Scanlan was duly elected as Chair for the coming year and Cllr Clarke was duly elected as Vice Chair. Council reviewed and appointed as required, representatives to parish committees and sub-committees. All annually reviewed policies have been reviewed over the last 3 months and remain current. Council confirmed membership of other bodies and the Councils eligibility and requirement to use General Power of Competence. Parish meetings will resume in person at the Pennoyer Centre from June, for the coming year meetings will usually be held on the second Tuesday of the month with the exception of August, when no meeting will be held. Dates will be confirmed at proceeding meetings.

Ongoing Matters.

- Two casual vacancies remain vacant, anyone interested in either post should contact the Parish Clerk from Friday 7th May, for details on Co-option.
- Information has recently been included on the parish website on assistance with locating Public Rights of Way. The Clerk regularly updates the parish website details available at www.pulhamstmarypc.org.uk
- Further improvements have taken place with returfing and maintaining safety at North Green play area.
- The Clerk is continuing conversation with Anglian Water to procure attendance of a representative at the June Parish Meeting.

Reports from the Chairman, District and County Councillors.

The Chairman thanked Council for electing him, he is looking forward to his term in office and to welcoming new members to the Council. He has ideas for new projects and looks forward to sharing these suggestions with Council. The District Cllr provided a reminder of the NCC and the Police Crime commissioner Elections on 6th May 2021 and the County Cllr had provided a report to the Clerk. This is available on the parish website.

Public Forum

Representatives from the Parochial Church Council attended the meeting, they provided an update on work to the church and on the designed wild area at the back of the church but clarified that individuals are allowed to trim around graves if they wish to. The PCC wish to continue working collaboratively with the Parish Council and welcome suggestions for projects/improvements and opportunities to work together within the community.

Beckvale Community Car Scheme are currently looking for additional drivers. Anyone interested should contact Zoe Clarke on zoeclarke@yahoo.co.uk

Matters for consideration

- Full details on planning matters for consideration are included on the parish minutes available on the parish website and displayed in the post office.
- The Council agreed to sign up to the Armed Forces Covenant. The Clerk will act as the interim champion but this position will be available should a councillor or volunteer parishioner be interested in applying. The Clerk will include Armed Forces promotional and appropriate support information on the parish website and advise Council of initiatives and events that the Council can support.
- Saffron Housing Community Foundation has approached the Parish Council to offer assistance with the improvement project at the pond in North Green Road, planned for the late summer. Further information will be available on the parish website and facebook page, when available.
- Expenditure was ratified for replacement batteries for the SAM and upgrade improvements to the parish laptop.

Accounts

- The EOY internal audit was received and the 2020/21 accounts approved, these will be submitted for external audit. The un audited accounts will be available for inspection 14th June – 23rd July 2021.
- The accounts for May 2021 were ratified, details are available on the parish website.

Full draft minutes are available on the parish website and displayed at the post office.

The June meeting will be held at the Pennoyer Centre on 8th June 2021, commencing at 7.30pm.

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