

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR PLUMSTEAD

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Plumstead held on Wednesday 04 May 2021 at 6.00 pm in Plumstead Church

Present: Nick Fulford (Chair), David Logan, Johnathan Pilbrow, Pip Burden & Harriet Rossi (Clerk)

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor Aquarone.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2021

The minutes of the 2021 annual parish meeting were approved and signed by NF.

3 Matters arising from Minutes

None

4 Chair's Report

Our Clerk, Carolyn Price, after 7 years of excellent service to our village tendered her resignation. The Parish Council has been very fortunate that Harriet Rossi has agreed to take her place.

Catherine McMahon and Richard King also departed.

Also leaving the Parish Council and the village has been Alastair Brown. Many thanks to him for returning to serve on the council for a limited time and for his numerous constructive suggestions.

Pip Burden has joined the council so at present council numbers are 4 and there is a vacancy for a 5th member.

With Covid restrictions easing, council meetings were resumed.

The Annual Meeting of Plumstead Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting for Plumstead were held on 10/05/2021

Further Parish Council Meetings were held on 06/09/2021, 13/12/2021, 07/02/2022; details of these meetings are on the Parish Council's website.

Apart from the village sign, already restored, a comprehensive program of maintenance has been performed on assets on the Flagpole Garden and down at the pond at Plumstead Green. The phone box, housing the defibrillator, is a job outstanding.

Steve Price has kindly taken over two important jobs in our village.

He has relieved Linda Fulford of the onerous responsibility for the defibrillator.

Also he has relieved your Chairman of his role a grass cutting coordinator at the Flagpole Garden and churchyard.

In addition, another risk assessment of the PC's assets was performed by Steve Price with your Chairman in attendance. Thank you for doing another of these Steve and doing another comprehensive report.

Despite many enquiries and much time devoted, it was not possible to get the hay on the meadow cut and cleared or to have the meadow grazed by sheep over the winter months. The meadow was flailed in the autumn and no clearing undertaken.

An inspection of the ecological situation down at the pond was undertaken by Charlie Ennals of EFWAG and Andy Hines, who works for the Norfolk Pond Project. Their comments were positive and suggested that the removal of some trees around the pond margin thereby increasing the light would have an overall beneficial effect on the Duckweed problem that has been continuing. At the present time this weed, which was almost totally covering the pond surface, has disappeared. We very much hope that it does not return but there is a return of amphibian activity.

5 **Clerk's Financial Report**

This will be addressed at a further meeting to be held on 30 May 2022.

6 **AOB**

None