

LEADEN RODING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING held on Tuesday 18th May at Leaden Roding Village Hall

Present: From the Parish Council, Cllrs Philip Sutterby (Vice Chair), Mike Whitehead, Jim McLintock, Ann Bush, Dave Wareham and the clerk Terry Bell
2 Members of the Public

1. VICE CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME, Cllr Sutterby opened the meeting. On 19th March 2021 Chairman Dave Clayden sent a letter of resignation to the Parish Council.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – County and District Cllr Susan Barker

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING (THEN CALLED ANNUAL ASSEMBLY) held on Tuesday 21st May 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

Please note there was no meeting in 2020 due to Coronavirus; whilst new emergency legislation was passed to enable Parish Councils to meet and make decisions remotely (The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020), Parish Meetings were not included in these Regulations. Therefore, the Annual Parish Meeting was not permitted to meet remotely, and it was not held in 2020.

4. PARISH COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT – Cllr Philip Sutterby

Our last face to face meeting was March 3rd, 2019 and we have returned to the village hall 14 months later. Last year was strange and not much happened due to Covid-19 pandemic. In the village however, the 30mph speed limit was extended at Leaden Hill. Speeding continues to be a problem and we have had visits from the police.

Planning applications have been circulated online for Parish Councillors' views.

A warm welcome to David Wareham, our new Parish Councillor.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank David Clayden who has recently stood down as Chairman.

Thank you to the Parish Councillors for their support and to the Parish Clerk

Signed Phil Sutterby, Vice Chair, Leaden Roding Parish Council.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020/21

The receipts in the year were the £6,500.00 precept and £488.70 VAT refund, outgoings were less - £4,679.69 mainly due to no village hall hire and just online versions of the Leaden Reading due to the Covid-19 pandemic resulting in no printing costs. It is hoped that as restrictions are beginning to be lifted a paper copy of the Leaden Reading will again be delivered to all households in the coming months.

The Parish Council issued three donations in the year; £500 Rodings PTA as they were unable to fund raise, £200 to Rodings Sewing Group as a contribution to their Covid PPE making efforts including masks which were available for the community in the bus stop, and £25 as a cash prize for the newly formed village Christmas lights competition.

Fixed assets remain at £23,272.

6. GRASS CUTTING REPORT

After obtaining 3 quotes Parish Councillors unanimously decided to employ John Kenny as grass cutter for the next 3 years. He will cut the agreed areas as necessary throughout the summer and produce a bill for the amount quoted at the end of the summer.

7. PARISHONERS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - None

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.