

Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

MINUTES - TUESDAY 08 APRIL 2025

Convened at Woodham Mortimer & Hazeleigh Village Hall at 7:00pm

In attendance: Parish Cllrs: Simon Brady(SB) presiding, Kim McDonald(KM), Pauline McDonald(PM) Lorraine Cobb(LC), County Cllr Jane Fleming(JF), District Cllrs Mark Durham (MD) & Simon Morgan (SM), Andrew Ritchings(AR) Clerk to the Council recording proceedings.
5 members of the public

1.25 APA APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Parish Cllrs Stephen Pemberton and Graham Harle sent their apologies.

2.25 APA MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly 09 April 2024 were agreed as a true record of events as proposed by PM and seconded by KM.

3.25 APA PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This last year has been one of achieving results of issues which have long affected our parishes. In February two new pedestrian island crossings were installed between Post Office Road/Tom Tit Lane and Bryant's Lane/Conduit Lane along with the new pedestrian island between the Church and the Crematorium. The pedestrian pavement between Tom Tit Lane and the Church has been restored along with the pavement on the Southend Road. The Parish Council arranged for vegetation clearance around the bus shelters it has responsibility for and the County Council are now maintaining their bus shelter opposite the Tin Roof Café and St Chads. Unfortunately two of the Parish Council shelters suffered graffiti vandalism which has had its challenges arranging removal. The Crematorium development was opened in early December part of which conditioned the Coopers Monument to be restored. We were sorry to hear about the passing of Tony DeFraine one of our previous Cllrs and our thoughts go to his family and friends.

4.25 APA VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Investments at the hall during last year have seen; installation of free WiFi by County Broadband, a new cooker, new hall heaters, new water heaters and a complete redecoration of the internal walls. Unfortunately the Burns Night was not able to go ahead due to lack of support but we still intend to promote the event again next year. There have been additional new committee members join. Bookings for the forthcoming year are looking positive with the monthly coffee mornings and soup lunches proving a great success providing much needed income for the Hall

5.25 APA FALKLANDS TRUST REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Parish Cllr Stephen Pemberton provided a report via SB advising there had not been a meeting since April 2024 and therefore there is nothing to Report.

6.25 APA MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

JF provided a brief summary of her annual report of which the full report will be circulated.

7.25 APA MEETING CLOSURE AND SUMMARY

SB thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

..... (Chairman to the Parish Council) 01/04/2025