

PARISH OF MAPLEDURHAM

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 6 July 2021 at the Parish Hall, Trench Green, commencing at 7.40pm.

Present: Mrs J E Bowen in the Chair and 2 other local government electors.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 7 May 2019 had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

In her report (see below), the Chairman explained that the Annual Parish Meeting for 2020 had not taken place. When the country went into lockdown, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, on 20 March 2020, physical meeting had not been allowed. Although the Government passed temporary legislation which allowed local authorities to meet virtually, this did not include annual parish meetings. That omission was not rectified until August 2020, after the “season” for annual parish meetings set out in the law.

Report of the Parish Council

The Chairman read her report on the work of the Parish Council in the past year. [A copy of the report is attached to the Minutes to be signed.]

The meeting received the report.

Report of the Parish Hall Committee

Dr D W H Miles, the Chairman of the Parish Hall Committee, read his report about the Hall over the past year. The Hall had been subject to closure and other restrictions in the year, because of the Covid-19 restrictions. As restrictions were relaxed or lifted, bookings resumed, the most lucrative being by Dogs Be Dogs. Use of the premises by the Disabilities Trust had reduced, and some recent regular hirers had returned to the Pavilion at the Mapledurham Playing Fields, following the refurbishment of that building. As at 31 March 2021, the Committee held balances of £36,000, largely as a result the Covid-19 support grants from Government. Consequently, the Committee considered that it had sufficient funds to start the project to reconfigure the toilets at the Hall, in order to comply with the Disability Discrimination legislation. Additional gravel had been laid at the rear of the Hall. Dr Miles paid tribute to 2 long standing members of the Committee, Ms J Fennel and Mr P Vallance, who had passed away in the year.

The meeting received the report.

Report of the County Councillor

There was no report from Mr K Bulmer, the county councillor for the Goring Division.

Report of the District Councillor

There was no report from Mr P D Dragonetti, the district councillor for the Kidmore End and Whitchurch Ward.

Any Other Business

No matters were raised

The meeting concluded at 7.55pm.