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Fulford Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 9th May 2024

Fulford Village Hall

Present:
Cllr Anthony Meredith
Cllr Peter Wilkinson
Cllr Karen Deeth
Cllr Paul White
Cllr Jane White
Cllr Connor Marlow
Cllr Andrew Lovatt
Cllr Gareth Brunt
Cllr Carol Baskin
Cllr Janet Crossley

In attendance:
Mrs Gemma Keiher-Knapper (Clerk/RFO and two Members of Public in attendance)

Meeting started at 1800hrs

1. **Welcome by the Chair of the Parish Council and introduce the meeting.**

Fulford Parish Council Chairman opened the meeting and explained that the Annual Parish meeting is held every year and is aimed to bring all residents and groups within the Parish together to meet and reflect on the year that has past and share their plans for the year to come to be able to support each other.

2. **Apologies** for Absence.

Cllr Angela Noblett and Cllr Allen Gilbert.

3. **Chairman's Annual Report**

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council has had a good year and is back on track and gave thanks to the Clerk for her hard work.

4. **Open Forum – Opportunity for local groups and residents to present**

Mr Oxby the **Fulford Village Hall** representative updated the meeting on the progress of the Village Hall. Work has been carried out on lighting, heating, updated wi-fi, re decorating and new curtains using the Awards for all grant and SBC covid grant. There were ongoing issues with the new heating system which is completed now. Most recent success with another grant to repair the flat roof which is planned to take place this year.

There are lots of activities that run from Fulford village hall during day and night all can be seen on the website and in the Parish magazine.

There has had to be a price increase because the 3 year electricity contract of 15p a unit ending. Also, because the general cost increases and particularly of cleaning materials and washroom paper products which have gone up substantially.

Finally, Mr Oxby informed the meeting about Fulford Village Hall Management Committees Annual General Meeting on Thursday 23rd May at 1900hrs. Mr Oxby also shared the income and expenditure account for the year with the Clerk.

The Chairman thanked Mr Oxby and all the village hall committee and volunteers for doing such a great job in keeping a fantastic asset running and running well.

Mr Hill spoke first on behalf of **Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall** that they too had had to increase the hiring fee to cover on going costs, but bookings were still looking positive for the year ahead. Mr Hill informed the meeting of the improvements carried out due to an electricity rebate for the village hall the improvements included renewing the heaters in the large room, side lights in the large room and lights in the small meeting room and replacing the flooring in the small meeting room.

Mr Hill then went on to speak on behalf of **DE Caversmill** he firstly thanked the Parish Council for the grant in the two previous financial years. Mr Hill explained that without fund raising and grants DE Caversmill would not be able to achieve their main aim which is to not charge its members which makes it drama accessible for all.

Mr Hill informed the meeting of this year's main fund raiser being The Vicar of Deadly 14th and 15th June and again 19th and 20th July at Birches Head Hotel. Also, auditions will take place on Sunday 16th June for this years 32nd Panto Jack and the Beanstalk taking place at The Rep on 27th, 28th and 29th December and 3rd, 4th and 5th January.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hill and all the village hall committee and volunteers for doing such a great job in keeping a fantastic asset running and running well. The Chairman also thanked Mr Hill and the trustees for all their hard work making DE Caversmill such a success allowing the residents of Fulford Parish the opportunity to get involved in drama.

Cllr Jane White spoke on behalf of the **Community First Responders** reminding the meeting they are volunteers and are not funded by any organisation and must fund raise for everything they require. They are currently saving for a replacement vehicle as the current one is 13 years old. There are currently only three active responders in the area and would love if anyone would like to volunteer and join them.

The Community first responders are due to hold their AGM 3rd June at 1930hrs and Blythe Bridge Village Hall and are always looking for new trustees to help fund raise.

On behalf of Fulford Parish Council the Chairman thanked the first responders for all their hard work and advised them to apply for a grant from Fulford Parish Council.

5. **Public Question Time – questions are invited from residents.**

There were no questions.

6. **Final Comments from Chair and Close.**

The chair thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting Closed at 1850hrs

Signed **Date** **Position**