**Date of Meeting 2nd May 2023**

**Welcome.**

**Complimentary drink, canapes & snacks**

**23044 Introduction and Welcome See appendix A for Chairman’s report:**

The Chair welcomed all members (60 Parishioners approx.) including councillors. Cllr Walker read his report.

All Parishioners were invited to feedback to the council by completing a comments card with suggestions for the council.

There was also a volunteer slip to offer services to the village.

Councillors circulated amongst the Parishioners taking notes on the verbal comments on the small group discussions:

1. Village clock – should the pc continue funding.
2. HCC initiative for 20mph scheme – does the village support funding.
3. Post Office grant – review opinion for continued support
4. Building community spirit – areas requiring volunteers
5. Your ideas

**23045 Village Clock**

Cllr Willens asked Parishioners questions about how often they use the village clock.

Various responses were received about Parishioners use of the clock. He explained the electric costs had risen.

**23046 SWA – Online presentation by Keith Herbert**

The following points were explained:

* SWA representative Keith Herbert explained he was trying to sort out the ground water infiltration.
* Pan Parish Forum objective is to seal sewers in the top catchment at Mullens Pond

at East Cholderton.

* It was explained that the Environment Agency wouldn’t let SWA dewater holes top end of Goodworth Clatford.
* AW asked if Goodworth Clatford could have the laterals sealed. SWA response was they were waiting to see if trials work in the top catchment.
* SWA said they would have a better idea at the end of summer 2023 where the ground water is coming from.
* AW suggested SWA & HCC could work together and put in drainage as a joint venture to save money.

**23047 Questions from Public**

* **When will SWA stop over pumping sewage into the river.**

*Response: SWA not aware of any over pumping Environment Agency would not allow.*

* **There is a tree dangerously close to the main sewage pipe out of the village, can SWA take some action to prevent the village being left without a sewage outlet.**

*Response: SWA happy to pass but HCC have been made aware.*

**Date of next meeting May 2023 TBC**

**GOODWORTH CLATFORD**

**Annual Village Meeting**

**2nd May 2023**

Chairman’s report:

Good evening and welcome to our annual village meeting. My name is Will Walker and as chair of the parish council I will conduct events this evening. It is my task to present a brief summary of business conducted by the parish council over the last year but more importantly it is your chance to comment on local matters that might steer the parish council in its activities during the forthcoming year.

Keith Herbert from Southern Water will be presenting the status on sewerage management and water infiltration in our village so that we can gain some understanding about the drainage infrastructure and why tankers are often seen attending the pumping stations. This will be by Zoom at around 7.30pm.

You are arranged around small tables so that small group discussions can take place addressing the topics noted at point 3 on the published agenda. This will also be your opportunity to raise any matter that you wish to bring to the attention of the parish council. Each table will be attended by a parish councillor to act as a facilitator. All your responses and comments will be collated and used as guidance for the parish council over the coming year. Please leave your volunteer slips and comments cards in the box provided as you leave this evening.

**Council Summary**

The parish council has 10 positions as councillors only 9 of which have been filled during the year. David Macklin left the council last summer and I would like to thank him for his service, particularly his contribution in coordinating Jubilee activities with the village Jubilee committee. Since then, the council has welcomed Chloe Pile and Claire Henderson as co-opted councillors.

Eveline Attwood our parish clerk gained her certificate in local council administration last year and has embarked upon reviewing all necessary policies for the council to adopt in order to achieve ‘Quality Council’ status. If successful in our application later this year the council will become more effective within a structured framework.

Other achievements during 2022/23.

1. Grant payments of £5,225 were made to support the Post Office within Clatford Stores.
2. A new website was developed and launched, followed this week by a more secure email system, particular thanks to councillors Pile and Sellers.
3. The pavilion on the recreation ground underwent a refurbishment including upgrade of electrical systems.
4. Pathway No 4 off Church Lane was given a coating of woodchips to improve the surface which during bad weather was particularly treacherous. This was viewed as a success and will be considered for other vulnerable areas in the parish.
5. The allotment shed operated by the council required a refurbishment which was completed early this year.
6. The Estate Management Group raised £1,150 in their Christmas raffle to support environmental activities in the village estate.
7. Risk assessments are undertaken for all council property on a monthly basis and remedial action taken as necessary. The village tree wardens survey the trees on the estate and plan any necessary works. The play equipment on the recreation ground is inspected by professionals quarterly and again remedial works are undertaken by the council when recommended.
8. A review of the Emergency Resilience Plan is currently underway, and you will have received a communication from Councillor Henderson who is coordinating this activity. Please respond if you have not already done so.
9. The council attended the village fete in August just to engage with the community so that we can best reflect the views of our villagers.

The council has vacancies for new councillors so if you have an interest, please declare it to the clerk or any of the councillors present. Being a councillor is a good way of supporting your community and involves 6 formal meetings per annum plus time that you have available to support the parish activities. Training will be provided to all new councillors and there is a clear set of Standing Instructions that set out duties and responsibilities. To give an idea about the work that is allocated to councillors here is a list of portfolios.

Allotments

Archives

School Liaison

Emergency Resilience

Footpaths

Finance

Flood Warden

Estate Management

New Residents

Newsletter

Speedwatch

Planning

I am happy to take any questions before we connect with the Southern Water presentation.