



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING for Catshill & North Marlbrook Parish Council

Held at: Catshill Village Hall

Date and Time: Thursday, 28th May at 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Councillors present: B. Laniosh, T Gillespie, S Cassim, P Masters, J Parry, S Webb

Clerk: J Mathews

Chairman: B Laniosh

Minutes

1. Welcome and introduction

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting. It was noted that over 20 residents attended.
- 1.2 Cllrs introduced themselves to the room and talked about their areas of interest.
- 1.3 Certificates of thanks were provided to volunteers who had worked tirelessly over the year to support parish council projects.

2. Annual report of the Parish Council

- 2.1 The Chair delivered his annual report to a packed room. He highlighted the improvements to communication including a new website and new email addresses. He explained the working groups and outlined, with the aid of pictures, some of the projects that had taken place in the village over the previous year. His presentation gave an insight into the challenges, activities, and achievements in the parish over the last 12 months.

3. Reports from outside bodies/ local groups

- 3.1 Updates from local charities, community groups, who have received a grant from the Parish Council were received.

Those presenting were as follows;

- The Baptist Church – white goods and home essentials scheme
- The Citizen's Advice
- The North West Ward
- The Footpath Group



Each representative spoke passionately of the work that had been carried out to support and benefit the Catshill and North Marlbrook communities and the challenges that wider society issues bring to this valuable work.

4. Reports from District Councillors

4.1 Updates from local ward councillors

- Cllr Webb reported on the looming unitary project where a decision could be announced in July. The preference in this area was for a north south split to create two bodies as opposed to one large council to cover a significant area.
Many speculative housing developments for Catshill were causing concern for green space. A proposal to provide a natural burial ground as an extension to the current cemetery would protect the fields in this area should it be approved.
New bins had been rolled out as part of an upgrade to the waste service at BDC.
The BDC budget had balanced and a £1.2m community fund had been announced for groups and projects to apply to.
- Cllr Dunkley reported that Meadow Road resurfacing had been completed and 20mph flashing VAS signs has been installed near the local schools. Parking continues to be a major issue across many areas. Adult social care was the main cost for the County Council with 70% of the budget being spent on 5% of residents.

5. Open Forum/ Public Participation

- 5.1 Residents commented on the planters and how much they enhance the village and the benefits to the school kids who love looking after them.
Praise was given to the footpath groups and the excellent work being done to ensure they are clear and accessible.
- 5.2 A call for volunteers to help manage the Lingfield Walk project was reiterated.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.