

Minutes of the Lutton Annual Parish Meeting

Held on 15th May 2023 at 7pm in Lutton Village Hall.

Minutes taken by Chris Cowdery.

Chairman: Carrie Walsh.
Parish Council: Chris Cowdery
Clerk to the Parish Council: Joyce Evans.
And 3 parishioners.

Mrs. Walsh was nominated as Chairman for this meeting, and she welcomed everybody.

1. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting.

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting, held on 23th May 2022 were agreed as being accurate.

The Chairman spoke :

"Thank you for coming to the meeting.

Are there any topics you would like to discuss? We have representatives from Lutton Relief in Need,(etc). Who will hopefully be able to respond to your queries and suggestions

Here is a brief report of your Parish Council's activities this year, you may have already come across some of this if you have seen the recent village newsletter

So what has the council been doing for the last year? A long term aim has been to improve the road signage in the village with the addition of children at play signs, near the village hall, and pedestrians in the road, near the farm. These were requested before lock down! A recent communication from North Northamptonshire Council gives us hope for the coming accounting year. We have also requested traffic calming at the entrances to the village.

Current highways projects are potholes in the roads covered by the parish, the road towards Hemington is on their list, the road to High Holborn is to be dealt with by the Power Company, your Parish Council will keep a check on that, the one on the approach to the village from Polebrook has been reported and now repaired. Lutton PC has been liaising with Folksworth and Washingley PC about the frequent accidents at the Bullock Road Crossroads, hopefully new signage will be installed and the road surface on the approach to this junction is due for repair.

If you notice pot holes in the area please report them on Fix My Street website, if you do not have access to the internet and the pothole is in the Lutton area then inform the Parish Council.

The power company has scheduled an up grade of the village transformers so we should not get as many power outages in the future.

We hope you noticed how small the Parish Precept is when you looked at the breakdown of the your council rates. The Precept is mainly used to pay for the insurance and maintenance for the playing field. Your Parish Council has become quite adept at applying for grants, last year we managed to get a grant to pay for the Jubilee BBQ, so far this year

we have successfully applied for a grant towards the cost of a new notice board for both the Parish Council and the Village Hall to use and a grant covering approximately two thirds of the cost of a commemorative Coronation Seat to replace the broken seat in front of the village hall. The new seat is a combined project between the Village Hall, the Lutton Relief in Need Charity and the Parish Council. This one will be metal so should survive longer than the previous one.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who helps this community function. All the committee members, litter pickers, verge mowers, Lutton verges are only officially mowed by North Northamptonshire twice a year, thank you Matthew Lane, Bill and George Raby for keeping the hedges under control. Thank you to Andy and Terry for helping with the wildflower areas. More help is always appreciated. Thank you Lutton Farm for the hedge fencing in the playing field.

All the village communities would welcome more help; you do not have to be on the committee to volunteer."

2. Pavements

A member of the public raised concerns about the lack of a footpath from Luddington House to Tansor Road (aka Papley Lane). It was considered to be a safety issue with the number of people walking and 'mobility scootering' along that stretch of that road. Carrie Walsh will raise it with the Highways Agency.

3. Highway Cleanliness

Comments have been raised about the amount of dirt being left on the road outside at the building site behind The Old Post Office. It has been cleaned lately.

4. Milton House

Milton House has new residents.

5. Thatched Cottage

Milton Estates have indicated that Thatched Cottage will be fully renovated. A planning application will be submitted in due course.

6. Playing Field

A member of the public asked about more equipment for the Playing Field. It was observed that nobody from the village had asked about it recently, but it was being used by children for the likes of football and general 'letting off steam'.

The Chairman thanked the public for attending and closed the meeting.