



**NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
OF ODIHAM AND NORTH WARNBOROUGH
HELD IN ALL SAINT'S ODIHAM
ON TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2022 AT 6.30 PM**

Present:

Residents, councillors and staff: 37

1. Chairman's welcome

Cllr McFarlane opened the meeting welcoming everyone to the first in person Parish Assembly since 2019. Cllr McFarlane spoke of the roles of the three Councils and expressed thanks to Cllr Ken Crookes, Hart District Councillor for Odiham who after 17 years of service was about to retire as district councillor.

Following the welcome Cllr McFarlane invited Town Crier applicants, Natalie Jarrett and Henry Wood to perform a trial cry. Councillors and attendees were all invited to vote for the by a secret ballot for the applicant who performed the best trial cry. Completed voting slips were collected.

2. Signing of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2019

It was agreed to sign the notes from the 2021 APA.

3. Presentation from Group Captain Donal McGurk, RAF Odiham.

Presentation slides may be viewed in the attachment to these notes.

Cllr McFarlane thanked Group Captain McGurk and invited questions from the audience.

The results of the trial cry were received, and Natalie Jarrett was announced as the Odiham's new Town Crier to announce the Beacon Lighting Proclamation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Odiham.

4. Council highlights of the year (refer to Appendix 1 for presentations):

Cllr McFarlane gave a update on the highlights of year which included:

The launch of the CIC for the Odiham Book Exchange

The launch of Odiham Community Speedwatch group

OPC awarded the Council of the Year by HALC

The creation of the Community Orchard and thanks was given to all the volunteer groups and schools that supported this initiative.

The successful transfer of the Bridewell freehold from Hampshire CC OPC.

The creation of the Village Centre Action Plan in consultation with the committee and High Street businesses.

5. Reports from Council committee chairs

- Update received from Cllr Verdon Chair of the Planning & Development Committee – Cllr Verdon
- Update received from Cllr McFarlane, Chair of the Community Committee – Cllr McFarlane
- Update received from Cllr Coleman, Chair of the the Amenity Areas Committee – Cllr Coleman

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6. The Year Ahead – Cllr McFarlane, Chair

Cllr McFarlane shared the plans for the OPC organised Jubilee events in Odiham including the Beacon Lighting and the Jubilee Street Party taking place in June over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Cllr McFarlane discussed the plans going forward to engage with the community on the future development and community use of the Bridewell, mentioning the Community Consultation on 3rd May being held at The Vine Church, encouraging all to attend.

7. Questions

Questions were received during the meeting:

- The impact of traffic congestion if Robert May's School were to extend the school hours.
Response: It would be unlikely that OPC would be consulted on the change in the length of the school day as it was a County issue but if the changes contributed to the ongoing traffic issues OPC would take these concerns to the Traffic Partnership meeting, a group that represented all three Councils focussed on resolving traffic issues in Odiham and North Warnborough.
- Would the exhibition of the Bridewell plans be available to view online?
Response: Yes, there was an online response form to complete.
- Did the impact of change in airspace for Farnborough airport impact on RAF Odiham?
Response: Group Captain McGurk responded that routes were carefully controlled.
- Concern over the ugly street furniture/signage and what could be done about it.
Response: There is a requirement to have a certain amount of street signage.
- Why was there a second year that the precept had increased by 10%?
Response: The increase reflected the increase in costs caused by:
 - The National Insurance increase to staff wages even though OPC managed on less than 2 fulltime equivalents.
 - The current council administration had inherited a maintenance backlog that it was addressing.

- No allowance made in the previously received S106 funding for the ongoing maintenance of play equipment and the public toilets.

Cllr Chris Dorn, Hart District Council gave thanks to Odiham Parish Council for the work and achievements over the past year.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm. Cllr McFarlane thanked everyone for attending.