

# **DRAFT Minutes of the Winsford Annual Assembly**

**Held on Wednesday 28 April 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom**

Present: Colin Wilkins (Chairman of the Parish Council), Nic Kemp (Clerk to the Parish Council) and 19 devices linking parishioners and guests, including parish councillors Kevin Connell, David Luscott, Mel Mileham and Patrick Watts-Mabbott

Colin Wilkins (CW), opened the meeting at 7.02pm and welcomed everyone. The Clerk advised the meeting was being recorded for information.

1. **Apologies** - Apologies were noted from David and Tamsin Godsall, and Jonathon Cox
2. **Minutes of the 2019 Winsford Annual Assembly** - CW advised that due to Covid there had been no Assembly in 2020. Mel Mileham proposed (Tracey Staples seconded) the minutes of the 2019 Assembly as a true record.
3. **Chairman's Report** - CW gave the Chair's report, covering 2019 and 2020. CW noted the passing of Ann Le Bas, Adrian Hewlett and Mary White, gave a brief update on the George Joyce Trust and the Henry Leigh Trust which support residents.  
CW explained the increase to the parish precept this year, and advised of works planned for the bus shelter and bench. CW explained the removal of the ash tree on the village green and thanked residents for their work in maintaining the green.  
CW thanked the Winsford Support Group which supported residents through lockdown, and reported that the Defibrillator is regularly monitored. Wessex Water have advised of works to improve the main on the Steep, later this year. CW noted the new houses at Royal Oak Court are occupied and welcomed the residents to the village, that the council placed a wreath on the War Memorial each year, and that the Council had set up a new website.

4. **Public Forum** - The following queries were raised:

A parishioner requested to reserve one of Ann le Bas' prints.

A parishioner asked does the Assembly agree that the parish should pay the running costs of both the parish council and the village community websites?

There was much discussion including the level of voluntary input of residents, the option for businesses to contribute, whether the parishioners, or the Parish Council, would have any control over content, whether there was need for a community website and could social media be used more. Parishioners commented the community website contained useful information and considered whether a better deal could be available for the hosting. Parishioners thanked the moderator of the community website for producing it, and thanked Councillors for their efforts.

With no further questions, CW thanks all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10pm.