

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022, at 7pm in Swaffham Prior Village Hall.

Present: Cllr David Greenfield, Jude Griffiths (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

1. Welcome by the Chair. In the absence of Cllr Covill, Cllr David Greenfield took the chair and opened the meeting.
2. Approval of the minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021. These were approved unanimously.
3. Report of the Parish Council. None was available.
4. Open Question Time.

There was a ranging discussion from which the following points/questions rose:

- a. The Gay Bulleid Award should be reinstated.
- b. The various village groups should be invited to report next year, as this enables parishioners to hear about areas outside their immediate concerns, for example the school, regardless of whether they have children attending.
- c. Fliers/posters advertising the Annual Parish Meeting would raise awareness of it.
- d. A start time of 7.30pm would be preferred.
- e. The Gardening Club intend to provide troughs planted in red, white and blue in front of the village hall.
- f. The Heating Scheme.

Qu. Was the current cost of the scheme £9 million or £13 million and where was the funding information on the heating scheme website?

Ans. Cllr Greenfield did not accept or recognise the value of £13 million; his recollection was of a value nearer to £9 million but he offered to find the correct number and report back.

The transparency of the of the scheme was questioned – Cllr Greenfield replied that there was no reason to withhold information unless it was personal and therefore protected by GDPR; he'd also establish where these numbers could be found in the public domain.

Qu. Why was a small stretch of Lower End left until last for laying of pipework? Was it due to instability of nearby houses?

Ans. Cllr Greenfield was not aware of the reason why this stretch was left. Cllr Greenfield to find out why that section was completed last and report back.

The first connections to the scheme are scheduled for the end of July/beginning of August.

The deadline for meeting the Grant Conditions on the scheme had been extended by 12 months because of COVID.

122 households had signed up to the scheme and a further 27 were still going through the process.

Qu Had interest increased with the increase in fuel prices?

Ans Cllr Greenfield said he believed there had been an increase in interest due to a mixture of increased fuel costs and increasing fuel insecurity.

Cllr Greenfield outlined the work left to do and the rough timescale to completion, including road closures and partial closures at the church end of the village through the summer. He also explained how the use of 'memory pipes' allowed houses to join the scheme without disrupting the heating supply.

Qu How many hoses can 108 boreholes supply heat to?

Cllr Greenfield to check.

The meeting ended at 7.50pm