

**Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting
held at Kirdford Village Hall on Monday 17th April 2023 at 7.15pm**

Present: Cllr Mrs A Gillett
Cllr Mrs N Goddard
Cllr Mr T Brooks
Cllr Mr D Irwin
Cllr J Nicholls
Cllr Mr A Persson
Cllr M Osborne

In attendance:
Members of public: 0
Parish Clerk

1. Apologies: Cllr J Nichols due to work commitments.
2. Declarations of Interest. None Received
3. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 19th April 2022 were approved.
4. Chairman's Report. The Chairman gave the following report:

Good evening and welcome to the 2023 Annual Meeting of Electors for Kirdford. This is your chance to hear what the Parish Council have been doing over the past year and will include an explanation of the Council's activities and expenditure.

Firstly, and most importantly, I would like to thank all our Parish Councillors, as well as our District and County Councillors for their continued hard work and support.

On behalf of everyone, I would especially like to say a big thank you to Lynne, our Clerk who works exceptionally hard to keep us on track and ensure we are compliant.

This past year has had the usual collection of potholes, ditches, drains, floods, footpaths, CIL money to allocate, planning applications, Winter Management Plan, Health and Safety and of course dog poo to deal with! Added to this list, we have had the issue of water neutrality to deal with.

As a Parish Council, we have discussed a number of substantial projects over the past twelve months, all of which have taken up a tremendous amount of our time and energy. Crouchlands Farm have submitted a planning application for a large number of houses which has caused considerable concern. Of greater concern is the ongoing question of the future of Lagoon 3. The footpaths adjacent to which have recently been reopened.

As we expected; Cala Homes sold the Plaistow Road site to Martin Grant Homes, who then sold it to Vistry but the development has finally started!

We are awaiting the outcome of the outline planning application for 70 dwellings on the land south of Townfield. We continue to strongly object to this development as it is contrary to our

Neighbourhood Plan. The planning application at Foxbridge Golf Club for a large number of holiday dwellings has also been carefully considered.

The expansion of Gatwick and the Noise Management issues are still ongoing. We are kept well informed and are regularly updated on any relevant issues.

Our comments for Chichester's Local Plan Review have recently been submitted.

The celebrations we held early last summer for Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee were most successful, the result of which was a wonderful community event. Bonfire Night was another special occasion when the village came together to support us.

Attending Parish Council meetings is only one small part of being a parish councillor. To support our parish your councillors volunteer with enthusiasm, dedication and tireless commitment. Their expertise, energy and support makes Kirdford the village we all love and care for. I would like to thank each and every one of you, as well as our Clerk. We also all thank Janet Duncton and Gareth Evans for all their continued advice and support.

Thank you.

Amanda Gillett

17th April 2023

There were no questions from members of the public.

Amanda Gillett

Chairman

15.04.24

Date