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# Annual Parish Meeting

**Thursday 20 May 2021 at 7.30pm  
in Pirton Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr J Rogers (Chair), Cllr D Burleigh, Cllr M Parkin

**In attendance:** Mr E Roberts (Clerk to Pirton Parish Council); District Cllr C Strong (NHDC).  
**No members of the public attended.**

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The meeting commenced at 7.35 pm

## MINUTES

**21/APM/01** To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors A Goodman, S Maple and N Rowe.

**21/APM/02** To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 26 May 2019 were a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

**21/APM/03** To receive the Pirton Annual Report 2020/21.

The Report had been circulated and was summarised by the Chair. Comments were made as follows:

- a. The Chair thanked all members of the Parish Council for their hard work and diligence during the past very difficult year. She also thanked ex-Cllrs McConnellogue and Gammell for their efforts on the Council, including work with Cala Homes, Blacksmith's Pond and the village environment.
- b. The Clerk was thanked for his efforts and congratulated on his speedy acquisition of the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA).
- c. Thanks were also given to the street cleaner, Tony Smart, and the groundsman/tree warden, Steve Kitchiner.
- d. In turn, Cllr Burleigh proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair. CARRIED.
- e. Cllr Parkin commented that the number of offences listed in the Police report under Violence and Public Order for Pirton seemed excessive at 19. Only 4 had been noted against Holwell.

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**21/APM/04** **To receive other reports.**

There being no other Parish Council reports, District Cllr Strong delivered her report, as below:

Firstly I would like to thank the voters of Hitchwood, Offa and Hoo for re-electing me as your District Councillor for the next 3 years. Because of the postponement of the 2020 elections I will be serving a three year term – that is to 2024.

During this time there is likely to be a boundary review and then all-out elections. I have been made the leader of the Conservative group but as I am retired I don't expect these extra responsibilities to distract from my ward member role.

Over the last year with the pandemic, all my council meetings have been held on Zoom with the council offices being closed with staff working from home.

As we start to unlock, council facilities are opening up again, like the leisure centres and North Herts Museum, and next week we will have our postponed annual council meeting which will be in person in our Council Chamber but with a restricted number of Councillors present.

The last months have seen increased amounts of fly tipping all around the district and if the rubbish is on public land then it can be reported and Urbaser will remove within a couple of days.

The Local plan is progressing slowly with further consultation.

For those who have an interest in chalk streams, you may have seen or read about the problems at Oughtonhead where the bank has collapsed due to a colony of crayfish burrows and the river no longer flows over the weir. The Council are working with the Environment Agency on a solution that they hope will return the river to a natural flow route without the weir.

As always I am here to respond to the concerns of residents and the Parish Council and look forward to working with you over the next year

**21/APM/05** **Question time.**

There being no members of the public present, no questions were raised from the floor.

The Meeting Closed at 7.55pm.

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