

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly, held on Tuesday, 4 May 2021, online via Microsoft Teams

Present: Councillors [Coates](#) (Chairman), Allison, Eldridge, Elsy, Knott and Maisey, District/Cllr Redford, County/Cllr Redford, [1 member of the public](#) and the Clerk

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Tunkle and District/Cllr Wright

1. Introduction and welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained its purpose

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 May 2019 were approved and signed and are available to view at <https://www.leekwootton.org.uk/2019/06/17/annual-parish-assembly-28-may-2019-draft-minutes-papers/>

a. There were no matters arising from the minutes

3. Report on 2020/21

The Chairman explained that, although the 2020 Annual Parish Assembly was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and he was unable to deliver his report in person, this and the RFO's Financial Report were circulated to the whole community via the *Leek Wootton Link* distribution network and made available on the Parish Council website.

The Chairman read his report for 2020/21. He then invited District Councillor Pam Redford to deliver her Annual Report, which she accepted.

County Councillor Redford was in purdah pending the County Council elections on 6 May 2021 and therefore declined to address the meeting.

4a. Open Forum

The Chairman invited those present to speak or raise questions about issues affecting the Parish:

Member of the public (Rev Jim Perryman, Vicar, All Saints' Church): Expressed how valuable he has found the strength and link between the Church and Parish Council during the past year and hopes this can be built upon in the future. He also echoed the Chairman's thanks to the Clerk, who is also Editor of the *Leek Wootton Link*. He has enjoyed working together and whilst the community has lost a lot of things due to COVID-19 it has also gained some very valuable partnerships and long may they remain. **The Chairman agreed and thanked him for his kind words.** Rev Perryman also wished to note the Civic Service for the Duke of Edinburgh on 18 April 2021, which was another powerful joint event, being co-hosted by the Church and Parish Council.

5. Closure of Meeting

The Chairman confirmed that his report, together with the RFO's Financial Report, the District Council Report and reports from various community organisations would be available on the website after the meeting at: <https://www.leekwootton.org.uk/2021/05/04/annual-parish-assembly-4-may-2021-reports/> Cllr Coates then resigned the Chair and the meeting was then closed and followed immediately by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Signed: Richard Coates (Chairman)

Date: 15/03/2022