

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly, held on Wednesday, 22 March 2023, at All Saints' Church, Leek Wootton

Present: Councillors Coates (Chairman), Allison, Eldridge, Elsy, Kingston and Kirkwood, District/Cllr Wright, 21 members of the public [MoP] and the Clerk

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Kirkwood, County/Cllr Redford, District/Cllr Redford, Leek Wootton WI, Leek Wootton Scout Group, Leek Wootton & Hill Wootton Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators, Leek Wootton Village Hall, All Saints' Leek Wootton CofE Academy

1. Introduction and welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting, explaining its purpose.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday, 15 March 2022 were approved (Proposed: Cllr Allison / seconded: Cllr Kirkwood) and signed and are available to view at <https://www.leekwootton.org.uk/2022/03/16/annual-parish-assembly-15-march-2022-reports/>

a. There were no matters arising from the minutes

3. Report on 2022/23

The Chairman read his report for 2022/23

5. Public Forum

a. Open Forum

The Chairman invited those present to speak or raise questions:

[QUESTION RAISED BY EMAIL PRIOR TO MEETING: "a query regarding what I think is a problem with cars parking on the corner of The Hamlet! It makes visibility both ways, coming in and going out, extremely difficult, and wonder if there is anything that can be done" – The Clerk raised this issue with the Warwick Rural West Safer Neighbourhoods Team]

MoP asked about the Community Speed Watch [CSW] group with regard to monitoring northbound traffic as well as southbound. Cllrs Coates and Kirkwood explained that the CSW group is, at this time, in early stages, working with an on-loan radar device when available. Sites for monitoring have to be approved by the Police Officer Liaison, but sites where monitoring can take place in both directions will be considered.

4. Speaker: Michael Coker, former HM Coroner for Warwickshire

Former HM Coroner for Warwickshire, Michael Coker, speaking about the history of the post, his experiences during his 17 years in that role (and 8 years as Deputy Coroner), which included some insight into the tragic school minibus crash on the M40 in November 1993. It was an informative, thought-provoking and, in places, entertaining talk.

5. Closure of Meeting

The Chairman thanked Mr Coker and all attending for coming and giving their time. 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/2023/03/23/annual-parish-assembly-22-march-2023-reports/>

The meeting was then closed.

Signed:

Date: