

# Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly, held on Wednesday, 26 March 2025, at All Saints' Church, Leek Wootton

**Present:** Councillors Coates (Chairman), Eldridge, Harrold, Kingston, Kirkwood and Morgan, 17 members of the public [MoP] and the Clerk

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Knott and District/Cllr Wright

## 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, 10 April 2024 were approved (Proposed: Lesley ... / seconded: Cllr Eldridge) 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 2024/25

The Chairman read his report for 2024/25

## 4. Community Resilience

Cllr Morgan gave a presentation about Emergency Planning and Community Resilience.

The assembly was invited to have a brief discussion in small groups about how this community might react to a drought, phone/broadband outage, water or power outage.

The PC would like to re-establish a network of coordinators to communicate urgent information and establish a group that has strong local knowledge and will work with other agencies when necessary.

The assembly was invited to consider having a grab-bag prepared for an emergency and to consider volunteering for a Community Resilience Team.

## 5. Public Forum

a. CIL Money

The Chair asked for ideas about how the CIL money might be spent.

MoP said that the question needs to be sent out to the whole community. A discussion followed about how to bring people into the discussion, both about the CIL money, but also engagement in general, particularly with school/guides'/scouts' parents age-group.

The idea of a Community Café was suggested as a way to encourage community spirit.

The PC will seek ideas for CIL money expenditure from the whole parish via *The Link* and online survey.

The Chair thanked the assembly for its active and thought-provoking discussion and invited all present to continue discussions over refreshments and closed the meeting.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:09PM**