

Chapel Allerton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 22nd of May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Old School Room, Stone Allerton. BS26 2NL.

Present: Cllrs Blakemore, Wallach, Wathen & Torrens-Spence.

In attendance: S Millard-Jones – Clerk. Cllrs Grimes & Filmer and approximately 5 members of the public.

The meeting was opened at 7.56pm.

1. Welcome by the Chairman of Chapel Allerton Parish Council
Cllr Blakemore welcomed all in attendance.
2. To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on 11th April 2022.
Minutes from the 11th of April Annual Parish Meeting were noted.
3. Presentation by Ben Ferguson – Windmill
Apologies were received from Cllr Ferguson and Cllr Munt had agreed to attend in his absence.

Cllr Munt gave the following headlines:

- Somerset Council (SC) – the amalgamation of the five councils.
- £2 cap on bus fares, this will increase to £2.50 by the end of the year at the latest.
- SC is developing active travel, which generates tourism and encourages people into the area.
- Increasing council tax on second homes and properties used for Airbnb.
- There has been a re-calibration of council tax arrangements across the 5 counties. A discount is now available for foster carers and special guardians (extended family that look after a child). Some foster children have been placed outside of Somerset due to the lack of foster carers available. The council has now bought a sixth home just outside of Taunton. This is proving successful and will be OFSTED registered. Eight to twelve staff are connected to each home. Three young people in each house. Homes suitable for 11-18 year olds and these individuals need to be matched.
- Looking to get more people into nurseries as they are struggling to keep afloat. Support needs to be given and this is being done through building up childminding services.
- Putting health support into the family hubs, previously known as children's centres.
- Enormous number of children and young people with a variety of needs including mental health and well-being.

Cllr Abi Maguire – Independent member on the Town Council and will be running as an independent in next general election. Visiting all parishes to learn what is the most important to each of them.

The general offering is that she would like to start a movement across the country without the need to join a political party. Make it more accessible.

4. Open Discussion of areas affecting the village.
No further matters were raised.

The meeting closed 20.34.

-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-

CHAPEL ALLERTON PARISH COUNCIL CLERK & RFO

S Millard-Jones