



**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 29th April 2021
Via remote link using Zoom.**

Commenced: 7.00pm

Concluded: 7.30pm

Present: Cllr L. Buckley (Chairman)
Cllr N. Buckley
Cllr Williams
Cllr Towns
Cllr Smith
Cllr Illingworth
Cllr Hainsworth

Clerk: Rebecca Crabtree

Three members of public were present.

1. Welcome and introduction from Councillor Lyn Buckley, Chairman of the Parish Council

Cllr N. Buckley welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Signature of the minutes from the meeting held on 16th April 2019.

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 16th April 2019.

3. A report on Alwoodley Parish Council activities for the year 2020-2021.

Cllr L. Buckley gave the following report:

The Annual Parish Meeting was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic and the restrictions meant that all face-to-face meetings were suspended and the normal schedule of monthly meetings have been held online via Zoom.

In previous years each Parish Councillor has spoken about a particular project they have been involved with but over the past year everything has been put very much "on hold" and so this report is shorter than it would usually be.

The Parish Council has continued to carry out work to support the village and local residents but unfortunately some activities had to be cancelled including the band concerts and planting the wildflower beds.

The 2020 Annual Newsletter eventually went out during the Summer with some slight alterations. The Parish Council has been preparing the 2021 Annual Newsletter and this will be delivered to all residents shortly.

The councillors have considered and agreed to install an additional speed indicator device, extra waste bins on the village green and the addition of a new free library in the old telephone kiosk at the top of The Avenue. Further updates will be given in the newsletter.



The Band concert that was due to be held in June has been cancelled by Leeds City Council but the Parish Council is hoping to hold it in September depending on the availability of the band. At present the band concert in August is still due to go ahead.

We are pleased to say that the wildflowers will be back this year to brighten up the King Lane sward.

We look forward to returning to face to face meetings soon and organising more work and activities in the village.

4. Public participation

Mr Gilbert from Friends of Adel Woods gave the following update:

- Planned activities were cancelled due to the pandemic but they did hold four successful events in the autumn.
- Interpretation panels have been installed in the woods as part of the Meanwood Valley Project and Friends of Adel Woods have helped with the design.
- Events that they are planning to hold soon include litter picking, maintenance on the steps at Stairfoot Lane car park and general maintenance.
- The Bird Song Walk that was due to be held in May may be cancelled.
- He made councillors aware that one of the recently planted fruit trees near the rugby club has been damaged badly by deer and asked he could request funding for mesh guards to prevent this. Cllr L. Buckley requested him to complete the online grant application form.
- Cllr Illingworth asked if Friends of Alwoodley Woods could include the Alwoodley Common in their zone and Mr Gilbert agreed to ask the Committee.

One resident said she was delighted with the Little Free Library and has used it throughout the last year. She queried how it was funded and Cllr L. Buckley confirmed that the Parish Council purchased the one of the Village Green and a resident purchased the library on Nursery Lane.

The Parish Council also pays for any repairs required.

One resident who is a member of the Alwoodley Walking Group made councillors aware that the group is looking at organising a new programme of activities with groups of 6 people.

The walking group has started again recently and they had 15 people enquiring about joining the group throughout the lockdown. They are focusing on walks in the Parish at present.

All residents thanked the Parish Council for the great job they are doing.