



ROCKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

**Meeting held in the Village Hall, Rockbourne
on Tuesday 14th May 2024 @ 7.00pm.**

MINUTES

In attendance: Cllr Leeson (Vice-Chair), Cllr Branagan, Cllr Carmichael, Cllr Wallis, Cllr Wise, Mark Baulch (Clerk), District Cllr Richards

Also present: Twelve members of the public, list of names taken and on record

1. Welcome from Cllr Andy Leeson, Vice-Chair of the Parish Council and acting as Chair for this meeting as a vote to replace the Chair was due to take place in the following meeting.
2. No apologies had been received.
3. Chair's Report – Cllr Leeson read this out and a copy is attached below.
4. Questions and Comments – None

Meeting closed at 19:20

Next Annual Parish Meeting – May 2025 – date and venue to be confirmed.

Parish Assembly Report 2024

Good evening and welcome to The Rockbourne Annual Parish Assembly.

As you are aware, I am currently the Vice-Chair and will be chairing tonight, so bear with me.

The 23 – 24 Parish year has seen a relatively new Council in place with both Geordie and Jamie carrying on from the previous Council and new members David Wise, Jeff Forsbury, Justine Wallis and myself completing the Quorum.

Jeff, unfortunately, was unable to carry on and after several months had to resign due to ill health, he sadly passed on recently and I'm sure you will all join the Council in extending our thoughts and condolences to the family, Jeff will be sadly missed and I'm sure as a community we will offer help where required.

A vote to find a new Councillor was held on Thursday 22 February 2024 where we welcomed Pippa Branagan to the Council.

Over the past year we have started to put in place working groups to deal with the main concerns expressed by the Parish. These groups, The Bourne Group ,now to include flooding/watch, Recreation Ground/Pavilion Working Group and Traffic Working Group which will also deal with security and speed throughout the village, are meeting regularly with both volunteers and Councillors working together.

Last month, after a tenure of some 20 years, Keith 'Geordie' Kirkcaldy decided to make the decision to resign from the council. Geordie has continuously given his time to the Parish and is one of the first to offer his services of help when asked. The wealth of experience he has gained over this period will be a great loss and it will be hard to fill those shoes. We wish Geordie all the best and I'm sure we will still be able to pick his brains through a working group.

Lastly I would like to discuss hanging the King, before you all shout traitor and march me off to the tower, I'm referring to the recently received framed picture of King Charles which I'm sure you agree would be ideally homed within the village hall. If acceptable, I will hand this over tonight and will be happy to help in elevating his Royal Highness to a suitable height above floor level in the suggested wall space.

Rockbourne is a great place to live and I'm sure as a Parish together we can make the village a lot better.

Thank you.

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