

South Mimms Parish Council

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Minuets of Annual Meeting of South Mimms Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting.

Held Thursday 26th May 2021 at South Mimms Village Hall with members of the public invited to watch remotely, due to ongoing Social Distancing rules under Covid-19 regulations.

Annual Meeting of the Council Year 2020/2021

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr Susman, Cllr Bright – Cllr Myers attendance was via Zoom
2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting – none, due to COVID lock-down in 2020.
3. Chair’s report for the year ending 31 March 2021 by Cllr Anthony Spencer:
*My thanks to the other Borough Councillors who have assisted the Parish of South Mimms to retain a Parish Council in this most difficult of years. We’ve had to proceed with remote meetings via Zoom because of the Covid-19 Pandemic and I would like to thank our local residents for their continued support. The Council has not been able to be very proactive during lockdown, but this will now be remedied. Councillor Susman and I will remain your Ward Councillors, representing South Mimms at Borough Level. Cllr Myers, who was elected to stay on SMPC, is also a Borough Councillor still. Due to the Covid restrictions and the interim nature of the Council, spending has been very limited in the last year, with no community events. Going forward, I am sure the New Parish Council will continue to develop its role and I wish them all the very best of luck. The newly elected Councillors are:
Cathy Mc Caffrey, Toni Johnson, Seth Thomas, Chris Myers and Mark Hedison.*
4. No Declarations of Councillors’ interests were received.
5. The minutes of the Parish Meetings held remotely during lock-down, previously approved remotely, were signed by Councillor Spencer.
6. The accounts for the financial year ending March 2021 were checked to the Bank Statements and signed off by Councillor Spencer with Cllrs Mc Caffrey, Johnson and Thomas present.
7. The appointment of an Internal Auditor to review said accounts was approved, which will only require a Certificate of Exemption under section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015, as 2020/21 as spending in the last financial year was under the reporting threshold.
8. The Annual Governance Statement from the External Auditor for the year ending 31st March 2020 – Received November 2020 from PFK Littlejohn was noted.
9. Any other business, at the discretion of the Chair - None.

Meeting of The New Council for the year 2021/2022 (including Annual Parish Meeting)

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Mark Hedison who is in hospital, SMPC wishes him well soon.
2. No declarations of interest were received by the Clerk.
3. An election of a Chairperson and Deputy for the ensuing Council Year (2021/2022) was held. Cllrs Johnson and Thomas duly proposed and seconded that Cllr Mc Caffrey should be Chairperson and Cllr Mc Caffrey proposed that Cllr Thomas should be Deputy, which was seconded by both Cllrs Johnson and Myers.
4. The declaration of acceptance of office and declarations of interest will be provided to the Clerk by the next meeting. No vacancies on the Council are now left unfilled.
5. To appoint a representative to outside bodies – Cllr Hedison had previously agreed to act as Village Hall Committee liaison (interested noted by the Clerk that Mrs Hedison is on the committee). Shenley Ward Cllr Natalie Susman has been appointed by Hertsmere Borough Council to be Borough liaison, the village hall being a Hertsmere owned and maintained building.
6. Subscriptions, insurances and regular items falling due in the new financial year were noted.
7. Any other business, at the discretion of the Chair:

7.1 Cllr Mc Caffrey thanked the interim Councillors, appointed by Hertsmere, and all of the previous Parish Councillor for their hard work and dedication to the Parish of South Mimms. She also thanked the local Safer Neighbourhood Team and PCSOs.

7.2 Clerks Update: The Clerk reported that SMPC still awaits the publication of Hertsmere’s draft proposals for new housing in the Parish, following the input of last August’s residents’ survey. Once received, these will be placed on public display within the village.

The Parish has received approximately £5,000 in Community Infrastructure Levy funds and some ideas for projects to benefit the community were discussed. All proposals are welcomed.

8. Public Session –

- Advanced queries were received by the Clerk (via Cllr Johnson) regarding the football goals outside the school - all play equipment is owned by Hertsmere and the poor condition of these will be reported. Also, that there still isn’t a road traffic sign to warn of the school on Blanche Lane – this will be reported to Highways again.
- News of the restart of the resident newsletter (just for South Mimms Village) was welcomed, particularly as it was remarked by previous councillor Mrs Arnold that some elderly residents were still feeling cut off from information in her experience.

9. The meeting ended at 8.15pm with the date noted for the next meeting on Thursday 17th June.

Please Note: Depending on Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time, it may be necessary for the public to join this next meeting by Zoom again, if it is possible to admit a small number of residents (whilst the 2m rule can still be observed), this will be information will be published so that seats can be pre-booked. All persons entering the Village Hall will be required to sign in and give contact details. The hall has a Test and Trace QR code on display.

The Civic Electoral Parish of South Mimms covers lands and residents from the County Boundary with the London Borough of Barnet (by The Shire London Golf Club), includes Dyrham Park, Kitts End, through to Dancers Hill and the ‘Bignal’s Corner’ Service Area. The boundary stops halfway up Swanland Road to the east where it meets North Mymms Parish and Potters Bar Furzfield. To the west, the Parish ends where the M25 bridge crosses St Albans Road. All residents are most welcome to attend meetings.