



Minutes of Hillington Annual Parish Meeting held on the 19th of May 2021 from 7.00pm at the St. Mary the Virgin Church, Hillington

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**Present: Cllr Graham Rogerson (GR) Chair, Cllr Terry Kivlin (TK), and Cllr. Ben Wallace (BW).
Caroline Boyden (CB) Clerk. 5 members of the public**

1. Welcome to all attendees from GR

Apologies – Cllr Worsley, Cllr Hill, and Borough Councillor Moriarty- due to other commitments

2. Declarations of Interest

None received

3. Chairman's Report

After what has been a very difficult year for everybody, I am happy to note that we appear to be seeing tentative signs of a return to normality.

I would like to thank everyone in the village for pulling together to help out friends and neighbours and generally watching out for each other. I feel that in some ways it has actually brought the village closer together.

Thanks go to Caroline for a doing a very good job of holding things together while having to remain distanced. She has been updating the website regularly so that villagers are kept informed, and we are pleased to note that it has been receiving many more hits.

The Council is also very pleased to have been able to support Caroline in her successful training, particularly for the Certificate in Local Council Administration(CiLCA) which she has now obtained.

Thanks also to my fellow Councillors who have had to put up with online Zoom meetings despite not all of us having great internet access.

I would like to thank Laura and Jan and the Church for allowing us to use this venue for our meeting and also the Ffolkes for their continued offer to serve as a venue for meetings and events.

As far as achievements are concerned these have been very limited with the bulb planting, Christmas Party and Quiz all having to be cancelled.

Community Speedwatch is now up and running again and you may have seen us out there.

Thanks to Jonathan, Sandy, Terry, Julie, and John for volunteering. If anyone else would like to join

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us, please let me know.

We continue to share the SAM 2 unit with Flitcham, and this too seems effective at slowing down traffic. County Councillor Stuart Dark was thanked for his help in obtaining the SAM 2.

The only major planning application concerned the development between Wheatfields and Pasture Close. This is still on going with the latest posting from the council to the developers yesterday, suggesting what appears to be a final extension until the end of June at which point the application will be refused. However, the developers may still appeal the decision.

I would like to thank Jim Moriarty in particular for keeping the council fully informed of developments in this issue.

Hopefully, this year will be a lot brighter for all of us.

Graham

4. To receive other reports from Community Representatives and organisations:

a. St Mary the Virgin, Hillington Church. Presented by Laura Worsley:

Challenging times with the pandemic and adhering to government safety guidance have meant that regular onsite church services were largely cancelled over the past year with online ones held instead. Despite this, we were lucky to be able to open the Church for individual prayer at times, gather for Remembrance Day prayers by the Hillington memorial and more recently to welcome people to a service of thanksgiving for the life of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh. Sunday services have now been resumed and we are back to the regular bi-monthly (1st and 3rd Sunday) schedule. Masks, and social distancing are still required, and we would ask people to contact: Laura 07790353599 or lauraworsley@hotmail.com, if anyone would like to attend.

Some of the loveliest moments have been the beautiful flower displays arranged by villagers over the Harvest, Christmas, and Easter periods when the Church was re-opened for quiet reflection. We have been very appreciative of everyone's efforts.

For the first time this year, we were unable to pay the Hillington Parish share to the Diocese, as finances were badly affected by lack of services. However, the church grounds, continue to be maintained to a very high level by Ozzie our gardener and his salary has been paid, in part by the generosity of the Hillington Parish Council.

Over the past year, our rare and wonderful Snetzler organ has come into good use, allowing us to host organ practice and study days to supplement Church income. We are delighted to announce a major fundraising project being organised for 25th September, 2021. This will include a Study Day for organists across the county, followed by an early evening recital concert given by Julian Haggett, MISM. Tickets will go on sale in June. We hope this will be a joyous, uplifting event and welcome all interested villagers to attend! To book, please contact Jan Newell (jannewell@btinternet.com) or Laura Worsley (lauraworsley@hotmail.com).

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b. Flitcham Church of England Primary Academy



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Dear Villagers,

We have been delighted to welcome all of the children back to school on March 8th, after a long period of lockdown since January, where only key workers children were able to attend. It has been fabulous to see everyone so happy to be back in school, chatting with their friends. There is a real buzz about the place again! During the lockdown, along with all of the remote learning that took place, the children created a fabulous Art in the Heart project which you may like to see – here :- https://padlet.com/acressingham/Sandringham_Federation.

This week we have been able to go back to church for the first time in ages for our Palm Sunday service, although no singing was allowed yet, but the children enjoyed receiving their palm crosses from Father Jonathan. It feels a little strange to be breaking up for Easter, as we have only been back in school for 3 weeks, but I know everyone is looking forward to their holiday.

We have also been able to enjoy our forest schools' lessons again and we are especially grateful to Lady Dawnay of the Hillington Estate, for allowing the school to use the woodland. Here they are amongst the beautiful snowdrops.

We would also like to say that we have space in our Nursery Class for 3-year-olds from now and in September, so if you are looking for a lovely nursery in a beautiful setting, please do give the school office a call to arrange a visit on 01485 600383.

Mrs Gardener March 23rd 2021



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c. Callibut's Charity

The Callibut's Charity is available to residents of Hillington who have lived in the village for more than two years and are elderly or in need. The Charity is overseen by five Trustees.

I would like to report to the Annual Parish Meeting that during the year 2020, £1750 was given to sixteen residents in the village, and a donation of a cheque sent to the Good Companions for Hillington residents only.

Kind regards
Mrs. KM Sayer
Administrator of the Charity

d. Good Companions

Mrs Pat Cox advised that they are looking forward to having meetings and excursions taking place from the 21st of June, subject to the lifting of current restrictions and the roadmap taking place. A further report to follow.

5. Public Open Forum

The success of the What's App was discussed, and the website is open for any events or activities to be included.

The Church services are now back with Services on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month
Fundraising details to follow on the website.

Consideration for a sixth parish councillor was discussed and Clerk to find further information.

Meeting ended at 7.26pm

Next Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for will be on Wednesday 18th of May 2022

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