



GRENDON UNDERWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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Pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972 (various sections), the

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

of the Parish of Grendon Underwood was held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Grendon Underwood on

Tuesday, 24th May 2022 at 19.15.

This is not a Parish Council Meeting. The outgoing Chairman of the Parish Council attended and acted as the legally authorised resident of the parish to act as chairman of the meeting, not in any capacity related to Chairmanship of the Parish Council. Parish Councillors attending do so as residents of the parish with the same voting rights as any other resident.

The purpose of the Parish meeting is to allow representation on “parish matters” by and to those present and the meeting is open to all residents of the parish and any other stakeholders working, or with interests, in the parish. At the Annual Parish Meeting the outgoing Chairman of the Council gives a report on activity in the parish over the previous year and any plans for the forthcoming year. The Responsible Financial Officer presents the Accounts. Other stakeholders may also present annual reports, given appropriate notice to the Clerk on clerk.gupc@outlook.com.

Issue date – 27th May 2022

B. Martindale - Acting Parish Clerk

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2022 - MINUTES

The Chairman confirmed the following Stakeholder reports had been provided and these are available on the Council web site and commended them to anyone requiring more information.

APM.01 To note the outgoing Chairman's Annual Report. **Minute-** the Chairman tabled her report and was at pains to emphasise her heartfelt thanks to all her fellow Councillors and also acknowledged all those volunteers and Buckinghamshire Councillors and our MP, Greg Smith who worked tirelessly to achieve the unanimous refusal of the OPA for a mega prison in Grendon Underwood at Strategic Planning Committee on 24th March. A resident moved a motion to thank the Chairman for her time and commitment throughout the year. This was concurred unanimously.

APM.02 To note the RFO's Annual Report. **Minute-** the RFO presented his report and took the meeting through the Executive Summary detailing and itemising income and expenditure, reserves management, risk management, S106 accounting, loans, grants, contracts & agreements, insurances, direct debits & standing orders, audits, assets, personnel and VAT.

APM.03 To note a report from Buckinghamshire Unitary Authority. **Minute-** Buckinghamshire Councillor MacPherson presented her report to parishes emphasising County priority activities around community, the vulnerable, environment & prosperity. In addition, she identified significant resource is being expended on supporting Ukrainian refugees, vetting volunteer families and housing them when they become homeless after failed 'pairings'. More specific to Grendon Underwood, she brought attention to the extensive commitment of County Councillors to the anti-mega prison campaign and was pleased to help with the opening of the MUGA with Greg Smith MP. She also confirmed that she continues to push for Highways land to be brought into community use. She also asked for feedback on current arrangements for the pragmatic splitting of the GU Ward between the three Ward Councillors covering it. It was unanimously agreed that the current arrangement of her being the lead in GU parish was the preferred option, subject to availability from time to time.

APM.04 To note a report by Thames Valley Police community policing team. **Minute-** PC Danny Fahy submitted a report which was tabled by the Chairman. He advised fraud is a growing concern and stressed residents should not engage with strangers making contact by phone, e-mail, mail or on-doorstep asking for personal details. Unsolicited packages arriving out of the blue should be treated with extreme caution. There was an incident of criminal damage, some anti-social behaviour, 3 thefts especially from garden sheds. Three incidents of sheep worrying have been reported and residents should report dogs off-leads in sheep fields immediately on 999. There were 4 RTCs on the A41, one fatal. We welcome our new PC Supervisor, Eleanor Fenemore.



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APM.05 To note a report from the Village Hall Charity. **Minute-** Cllr Fealey tabled her report as the Council nominee on the Hall committee. She advised a strong recovery from the COVID pandemic assisted by a significant Business Continuity Grant from HMG. Improvements to the car park and bar areas remain a priority. She confirmed use of the car park by school visitors will remain free for the foreseeable future and that hire charges have been frozen for another year at 2014 rates.

APM.06 To note a report from the Saye & Sele Foundation. **Minute-** Cllr Jackman tabled his report as the Council nominee on the S&S Charitable Foundation. He summarised the financial status and reported a good surplus in income over expenditure. More grants had been awarded this year. A draft lease for GUPC to lease the recreation field is progressing.

APM.07 To note a report from GUCS. **Minute-** the Chairman tabled a briefing from school advising the appointment of a new Headmistress who is leading the recovery from pandemic restrictions. She elaborated on several collaborations with the church and events funded by FroGS. They have developed a forest school area and host toddler groups run by parents. They have plans for Jubilee celebrations.

APM.08 To note a report from HMP Springhill & Grendon. **Minute-** none received.

APM.09 Open forum for "parish matters" not on the agenda of the Annual Parish Council Meeting to follow. **Minute-** A resident proposed the parish may like to consider making a small token of recognition to the Chair of the Prison Working Group on behalf of the Parish for the extra-ordinary amount of work he contributed on behalf of residents, and which was instrumental in achieving the planning refusal. It was agreed in principle for further discussion at the APCM.

APM.10 Determine the time & place of next Annual Parish Meeting. **Minute-** 23rd May 2023 @ 19.30.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.56.

Signed as a true and accurate record: dated: 28th June2022.
K. Moloney, Chairman presiding