

Sandford St Martin Parish

MINUTES 20230525

MAY 25, 2023

7.00 PM SANDFORD ST MARTIN PARISH HALL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

ATTENDEES	Paul North (Chairman), Five members of the public Anne Ogilvie (Clerk)
ABSENT	Nil

- 1 **Welcome and apologies**
The Chairman of the Council, Cllr North, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from OCC Cllr Graham.
- 2 **To receive and note the minutes of the previous meeting**
The minutes of the previous meeting, 19 May 2022 were received, noted and signed.
- 3 **Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**
Nil
- 4 **Report from the Chairman of the Council**
Cllr North gave his annual report to the meeting.
 - He noted that two councillors had resigned, and the Council now has only three councillors, the minimum number required for the Council to operate, and the more councillors were needed.
 - The Mullins planning application was approved on 27 March 2023. £60k will be provided for traffic calming in the surrounding parishes
 - Other planning applications are ongoing
 - Tree works have been undertaken in Ledwell.
- 5 **Report from the PCC representative**
The PCC representative gave their report, which is appended to the minutes. The Chairman thanked the PCC for their report.
- 6 **Report from the Parish Hall representative**
The Parish Hall Management Committee gave their report.
The Hall does not have any regular users, and the current income does not cover expenses, so the reserves are declining.
The Hall needs active members on the Committee and regular users.
- 7 **Reports from District and County Councillors**
District Councillor – Cllr Jackson
 - Reminded the meeting that he is happy to help with residents' issues
 - Noted that some potholes logged on FMS have been marked for repair
 - Advised that his term of office expires in 2026
- 8 **Reports from representatives of other local organisations**
PCSO Wes Smith, Thames Valley Police
 - There has been an increase in burglaries of tools and farm machinery from outbuildings, sheds and barns
 - Car theft has increased in the area
 - Large buildings in rural areas are being targeted
 - Second homes are being targeted during week
- 9 **To invite the public to raise any matters of interest**
A member of the public asked if there were any way of the Parish Council improving the notification of its meetings.
- 10 The meeting was closed at 7.45 pm.

Signed

(Chairman)

Date