

# SWETTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Annual Meeting of the Parish held at The Swettenham Club on 17 May 2021 at 7:45 pm

<b>Present:</b> Councillors Andow, Shaw, Keen, and Kirk Clerk & RFO, Mrs P Sturrock; Members of the Public 0		
Item	Detail	ACTION
1	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions:</b> As there were no residents of the Parish in attendance, these were not required.	
2	<p><b>Chairman's Report:</b></p> <p>The past year has been a difficult one due to the Covid pandemic and all the restrictions involved. We have held our Parish Council meetings remotely so as to keep the Parish Council running.</p> <p>I would like to thank you all for your commitment to the parish and thank you to the Clerk for her work in keeping us all informed and organising our "zoom" meetings. Thanks also to Alex Keen, Angela Kirk, Sophie Martin and John Shaw for giving up their time to serve the Council. Mr John Wray, our local CEC borough councillor, has attended several meetings and we welcome his advice when given.</p> <p>I am sure you all agree with me that the cemetery is always tidy and I would like to thank Stuart Goostrey for his work in maintaining it.</p> <p>We have had several planning applications to give our opinions on. There are a lot of highway issues to be resolved concerning drainage and road surface maintenance. Unfortunately, no work has been carried out on Sandy Lane and the subsidence has worsened over the last 12 months. We had a good response from parishioners regarding the gritting routes for the coming year and it is hoped that our letter asking for Swettenham and Kermincham to be included will be favourably considered.</p> <p>We have replaced the hawthorn hedge at the cemetery which was diseased. Thank you to Stuart Goostrey, and Steve and Martin Robertson for carrying out this work. The drainage issue at the cemetery is still ongoing and we await further developments.</p> <p>Finally on behalf of us all we wish Sophie and Piers all the best for their forthcoming new addition to the family.</p>	
3	<p><b>Finance Report for year ended 31 March 2021.</b></p> <p>The Clerk &amp; RFO had tabled the summary of Receipts &amp; Payments Account for the financial year ended 31 March 2021 showing balances of £3679.21 in the current account and £2034.92 in the reserve account as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. She reported that the precept for 2021-22 had been set at £4864 (£21 less than 2020/21). Additional income was received from fees for interments and memorials and a VAR reclaim. Our expenditure included the usual annual costs of staffing, cemetery maintenance, water bills, payroll, website hosting costs and insurance. There were no room hire costs due to using zoom for meetings.</p> <p>The internal audit has been concluded satisfactorily and the Parish Council will be submitting the Annual Governance and Accountability Return after the Annual Meeting</p>	
4	<b>Questions and discussion on matters affecting the Parish:</b> As there were no residents of the Parish in attendance no further discussion took place	
	The meeting closed at 7.55pm	

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Signed..... Roy Andow, Chairman