

SWETTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Meeting of the Parish held at The Swettenham Club on 20 May 2024 at 7:45 pm

Present: Councillors Andow, Shaw, Kirk, Sturrock, French and Millward Clerk & RFO, Mrs P Sturrock; Members of the Public 0		
Item	Detail	ACTION
1	Welcome & Introductions: As there were no residents of the Parish in attendance, these were not required.	
2	<p>Chairman's Report:</p> <p>After many years I have decided to stand down as Chairman and let someone else take over with fresh eyes. I would like to thank all the Councillors and Clerks past and present who have served alongside me. 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 meetings. Thanks also to all the Parish Councillors for giving up their time to serve the Parish. Mr John Wray, our local CEC borough councillor, has attended several meetings and we welcome his advice when given.</p> <p>We held an open meeting and invited representatives from Robinsons brewery to attend and address the Parish Council and members of the public about the issues with classic car and motorcycle meets. At present the issues appear to be settling down.</p> <p>I am sure you all agree with me that the cemetery is always tidy and I would like to thank Stuart Goostrey and Karen Robertson for their 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. Councillors Shaw and Sturrock expressed their thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to Cllr Andow for all his hard work over the years.</p>	
3	<p>Finance Report for year ended 31 March 2024</p> <p>The Clerk & RFO had tabled the summary of Receipts & Payments Account for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 showing balances of £8272.45 in the current account and £2071.58 in the reserve account as at 31st March 2024. She reported that the precept for 2024-25 had been set at £7547. Additional income was received from fees for interments and memorials and a VAT reclaim. Our expenditure included the usual annual costs of staffing, cemetery maintenance, water bills, payroll, website hosting costs and insurance. 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	Questions and discussion on matters affecting the Parish: As there were no residents of the Parish in attendance no further discussion took place	
	The meeting closed at 7.50pm	

Signed..... John Shaw Chairman