

SWETTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Meeting of the Parish held online using zoom.us on 18 May 2020 at 7:30 pm

Present: Councillors Andow, Shaw, Keen, Kirk and Martin 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>I would like to thank you all for your commitment to the parishes of Swettenham and Kermincham, and the Clerk for her work in keeping us all informed. We welcomed Angela Kirk and Alex Keen to the Parish Council, also thanks to 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 projects in progress: The cemetery drainage issue, replacing the cemetery hedge, the road closure at the ford, and several other highway issues</p> <p>The Coronavirus pandemic has caused everything to be halted.</p> <p>During these challenging times a lot of residents have been advised to self-shield, and there are contact numbers available for any vulnerable parishioners who need assistance. As we have been advised to socially isolate, we have embodied technology and are holding our meetings virtually. Thank you to the Clerk for organising this.</p> <p>Former councillor Mr Brian Eyres has sadly died recently following a long illness and we sent our condolences to Jean and family</p> <p>Finally let's hope the Coronavirus pandemic gets under control and life can get back to some kind of normality in the future.</p>	
3	<p>Finance Report for year ended 31 March 2020.</p> <p>The Clerk & RFO had tabled the summary of Receipts & Payments Account for the financial year ended 31 March 2020 showing balances of £3378.29 in the current account and £2034.07 in the reserve account as at 31st March 2020. She reported that the precept for 2020-21 had been increased to £4885. The balance carried forward in the current account have increased from 2019 due to income from fees for interments and memorials. Our expenditure included the usual annual costs of staffing, cemetery maintenance, water bills, payroll, room hire, website hosting costs and insurance.</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	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 7.45pm	