

Donnington and Muxton Parish Council



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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Donnington Community Hub
on 9th May 2022 at 7.00pm**

Present:

Councillors: T Hoof, (Chairman), I Alexander, Miss F Doran, Mrs L Dugmore, N Dugmore, J Gough, J Lavery, A Lawrence, R Overton, M Rowe and J Thompson.

Also Present: R Morgan (Clerk to the Parish Council), Simon Haydon (Telford & Wrekin Council's Neighbourhood Co-ordinator) and K Buttress.

AP22/1 Apologies: Councillors M Edwards and J Urey.

Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.

AP22/2 Chairman's Report

Each Councillor received a copy of the Chairman's Report for 2021/2022 which was as follows:

This will be the first ever Chairmans report I have had to write, and hopefully it will not be my last! I would like to start off by thanking my predecessor Cllr Lisa Dugmore, who previously took over the chairmanship of the Council unexpectedly, due the resignation of a previous Chairman. Cllr Dugmore steered the Council through lockdown and the various challenges this caused, Lisa also made the handover of the Chairmanship to me incredibly easy, which again is another reason to thank her.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at the Council who have persevered and continued to ensure that the Council has run smoothly during very uncertain times. Public restrictions made it very difficult for them to plan or arrange any events, however we managed to have a fantastic Christmas Light switch on which was very well attended.

I am also very glad that Holly our Events Officer has been made a permanent member of our team.

During the last year the Council has welcomed 4 new Councillors. Cllr Rowe, Cllr Urey, Cllr Alexander and myself! All Councillors have hit the ground running and I would like to thank them for putting themselves forward to represent their communities. We also had some fantastic news this year that our very own Cllr Nigel Dugmore was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) for services to the public during the pandemic, on behalf of the Council I want to congratulate Cllr Dugmore.

One of the first things that bothered me when I became Chairman and reviewing our budget was that the Council would have to raise the precept to meet its spending obligations. To me this wasn't acceptable and to keep the precept at its current level I proposed that we remove all Councillor allowances, including the Chairmans allowance, I was glad this was passed, and Councillor allowances have been scrapped.

I am also pleased for the year ahead, that the Parish Council will not be raising its precept and freezing our portion of Council Tax. It would be wholly wrong for the Parish Council to increase its precept during this cost-of-living crisis.

In November 21 I attended the remembrance service at Donnington War Memorial, for the first time as chairman. I laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish to remember all those who gave their lives during the world wars and the conflicts since. This reminded me of why building a war memorial in Muxton is so important and I am glad that this should be completed in the next 6 months.

The Parish Council has forged ahead with its great work and continued to support our community, including funding our yearly "pensioners xmas lunch" and extending this to a new "Summer Seaside Trip" which will be happening this summer.

Finally, I look forward to seeing the council continue its great work and delivering on all of the proposals that we as a council have set out.

AP19/3 Questions from Parishioners

There were no questions from the member of the public present.

The meeting closed at 1902hrs.

Signed:

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