

Minutes of the Hulcote & Salford Annual Parish Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in The Mary Agate Hall, Salford starting at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllrs K Butten - Chairman, J Abbey, P Harris, R Harrison, P Laing, S Whiteman, Mrs Lyn Lyman (Clerk) and 3 Members of the Public.

In attendance: CB Cllr K Matthews..

1. **Welcome and Apologies for absence:**

Cllr Butten welcomed all present.

Apologies were received from W Sharpe, CB Cllrs S Clark & R Morris.

2. **Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were accepted and duly signed.

3. **Chairman's Report:**

Cllr Butten said: **to be sent to Lyn**

4. **To Accept Un-Audited Accounts y/e 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019:**

The un-audited accounts for y/e 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019h were circulated.

After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the accounts be accepted and Parts and A & B of the Annual Governance and Accountability Returns were duly signed.

5. **To Receive Parish Councillors' Reports:**

**Highways:** Cllr Laing said as and when we have reported all potholes, Wavendon Road bridge is now closed. Siding has been done to the footpath.

Weight limit sign is down in Brittens Lane. This has been reported twice.

**Salford Liaison:** Cllr Laing said there had been some sad losses over the last 12 months.

- Damage done to property over the year – thieving.
- Cranfield airport more noise and night time flying.

**Noise Working Party:** need to encourage residents to join the group.

**Hulcote Liaison:** Cllr Harrison: looking back very little development re re-surfacing had been done in Mill Lane.

- Nothing had been heard from Highways about the Watermill bridge.
- Various thefts have increased during this last 12 months.

**Mary Agate Hall:** Cllr Harris said another very good year, attendance at lunches very good. Floor has been completed and the painting is still to do. The hall is very well used. The management committee had sadly lost a very helpful member during the year.

**Charities:** Cllr Laing said the charity continues to be producing enough money to distribute to the elderly and children at Christmas, Christmas fuel etc and for those who have experienced sad losses. The Green is being cared for.

GDPR comes into play so residents need to allow the Charities to hold their details.

**Technology/Energy/Facilities:** Cllr Harrison said he is embarrassed to have anything any further to report regarding Broadband improvement.

**School Liaison:** Maurice O’Connell had provided the following report:

I thought I would drop you a quick line with a summary of the situation at the Husborne  
Crawley Lower School.

There are currently 56 children on roll, which is historically, a strong figure, of whom 10 are from our parish. Standards are excellent and the latest statistics (Autumn 2018) show them to compare very favourably with those of other schools in the area.

The recently installed front door is doing its job in keeping the school secure and keeping out the weather. We thank the Parish Council for its generous donation.

The school will be happy to support the Picnic on the Green on 6th July. Just let me have detail regarding timing.

The big news is really to do with developments regarding Fulbrook Middle School in Woburn Sands which has long been our catchment middle school.

CBC have launched a “Schools for the Future” programme, primarily aimed at ensuring there are sufficient school places to match the planned increase in housing in the area. As part of this initiative, they are moving towards a 2-tier system as opposed to the current 3-tier. In response, Fulbrook has proposed extending its age-range to 9-16 (from 9-13), thereby becoming a secondary school, though at this point not offering A-level courses.

The Council have unfortunately declined to support this proposal and plan instead that children from the age 11 should attend Vandyke Upper in Leighton Buzzard. We are at the eastern edge of the Vandyke catchment area with a journey time, if it is by bus which also collects pupils from other villages, at the very limit of what is allowed by CBC, i.e. 1 hour 15 mins. It was bad enough when children aged 13 and upwards had to make this journey, but now it will apply to 11-year olds as well. There are currently, to the best of my knowledge, no children in the parish attending Vandyke but in view of the number attending lower school, there will in years to come be at least some of upper-school age.

There has been huge local support for Fulbrook’s proposal. Nadine Dorries MP has also confirmed her support for extending the age-range to 16. At this point, however, there is little indication that CBC is inclined to support it.

There are other upper schools closer to us than Vandyke, e.g. Wootton Upper and a new school planned for Marston, both in Central Beds and, of course, Walton High, though an MK school, is just a mile up the road. If Fulbrook were to become a casualty of this process then a change of catchment upper school would make sense, though again there is little sign that CBC are considering this.

There are currently 2 children attending Vandyke school.

**Rights of Way:** Richard Mann said some of the old longstanding issues are still outstanding.

**2 issues** – application to make a major re-routing of Footpath 7, Morgan Sindall has put a sign advertising closure of the footpath/bridleway at Hulcote due to A421 dual carriageway workings.

6. **Questions from the Public:**

1. *Confirmed the temporary bridge is only for services.* We are certain that it was originally on their website as being open. Cllr Butten and the Clerk had a meeting with Morgan Sindall and this has been confirmed as being closed but we saw it on website originally.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Cllr K Butten.  
Chairman.