**Minutes of Bury** **Annual Parish Meeting and AGM of the Bury and West Burton Volunteers 31st May 2023**

1. **Approval of minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting on 21st April 2022**

It was AGREED to approve the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting on 21st April 2022 as a true and accurate record.

1. **AGM and update from Bury and West Burton Volunteers including their activities**

It was AGREED to elect the following officers to BWBV:

Chair: Judith Daykin

Vice Chair: John Sunderland

Treasurer: John Rudd

Secretary: Sarah Davis-Lynch

The Chair gave thanks to outgoing volunteer David Philp for all his hard work.

He then reported that the Coronation lunch had been a great success with tickets selling out ahead of the day and enough money being raised to make a healthy donation to The Snowdrop Trust as well as a float for future events.

Future events would include a Church’s fete on July 29th, Apple Day/social evening in the Autumn, a Christmas lunch as well as events to help raise funds for the Village Hall. A spring clean for the hall would also be arranged in due course.

1. **An update from Bury Parish Council**

The Chair, Richard Champness, provided the following update:

Following the public consultation on the refurbishment of our Village Hall, we would like to thank the large number of parishioners who have enthusiastically backed the project. Currently, although very close to our target, we have not quite received the support we are looking for to take the project to the next phase. In addition to this, we now have a smaller number of Councillor’s with which to manage such a project. With this in mind we are pausing the refurbishment project whilst we reconsider the options. It is important to note that our Village Hall, which has served us well for many years, is in need of significant works, which includes a new roof and new heating system, so doing nothing is not a responsible option. We appeal to the community for assistance in managing any fundraising and works to improve and maintain our Village Hall. So, if any of you feel you have the time and experience, we would like to hear from you as soon as possible please. Once we have more news on this, we will share this with you via the regular email newsletter. Thank you.

**4. An update from local organisations**

Bury A29 Road Improvement Committee:

John Sunderland commented that the RIC had been working with the District Council to tackle dangerous driving as well as noise pollution and had been supporting Sussex Police with enforcement. It had also been focusing on its strategic 12-point plan following the mini conference, which included delegates from a variety of organisations: Police & Crime Commissioner, senior police officers, SDNPA and WSCC senior officials. They had a productive meeting which garnered overall support for their efforts to reduce speeding within the parish. It was also reported that an application had been submitted for a Community Highways Scheme to reduce the speed limit through Bury from 50mph to 40mph and remove the second lane on Bury Hill. Lastly, John reported that Hampshire Police had funded 8 speed cameras on similar stretches of road in their county so the RIC was putting pressure on Sussex Police to consider the same.

Alan Sutton - Lead governor for Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust

Outgoing District Councillor Alan Sutton gave an update on a new body within NHS Sussex called Sussex Community. He advised that the idea was to bring the trust together to stop competition between individual trusts.

Cricket Club

The cricket club advised that they had been struggling to acquire gang mowers and had been employing an external contractor to cut the grass. It was also reported that there had been a problem with the roof at the pavilion as it was very old but this had now been re-roofed to make it waterproof.

It was also reported that they were short of players and new members were encouraged to join!

**5. Chichester District Council and West Sussex County Council**

District Councillor, John Cross, and County Councillor, Tom Richardson, were unable to attend the Parish Meeting.

1. **Questions from Parishioners**

One resident asked how much money had been spent on the architect’s plans for the Village Hall, to which the Chair said in the region of £10,000. He said the survey results would be released soon and then a view would be taken on next steps.

Another resident asked about the issues with the Broadband rollout to which the Chair advised there had been a miscommunication between BT Openreach and service providers, whereby they were not advertising availability and subsequently appointments were being made and then cancelled. The Street, Church Lane and Coombe Crescent would be able to order Broadband soon but other areas may need new telegraph poles.

The meeting was closed at 7.15pm.