

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday, 8th May 2025 at France Lynch Church Rooms at 6.30 p.m. in accordance with notice given.

In the Chair: Councillor Trinder

Present: There were approximately 30 attendees present for the meeting including the following Parish Councillors: Beioley, Funnell, Gardiner, Golding, Humberstone, Lee, Morris-Wyatt, Oakley, Pearson, Roberts, Samaroo, District Cllrs Boyle and Watson and County Cllrs Luff and Turner.

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk were in attendance together with representatives from Bussage Village Hall, Chalford Sports and Social Club, Eastcombe, Bussage and Brownhill Newsletter, Eastcombe Scouts and Guides and Tops and Bottoms who attended to receive their grant award. Dave Godwin and Ron Gardiner represented Chalford band.

APM 1.5.25 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Trinder welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced herself, along with the Ward Parish Councillors and Parish Office employees.

APM 2.5.25 APOLOGIES were received from Cllrs D Taylor, L Taylor and Woodfine. Cllr Roberts was absent.

APM 3.5.25 MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes of the 16th May 2024 were proposed for approval by Councillor Samaroo seconded by Cllr Oakley and unanimously agreed.

APM 4.5.25 TALK FROM CHALFORD BAND

Chalford Band are celebrating their 140-year anniversary this year and the Parish Council wanted to celebrate this. The Band's president Ron Gardiner gave a brief history of Chalford Band and introduced Dave Godwin, a member of the band who gave an interesting and informative talk about the Band's history and achievements. It was interesting to learn that out of 5000 bands worldwide, Chalford Band is ranked 130th! Ron Gardiner gave a special mention to Gerald Heaven, the former Parish Clerk as he gave a lot of support to the band during his time as Clerk. The band will be playing later in the evening during the VE Day celebrations.

APM 5.5.25 CHAIR'S REPORT – attached.

APM 6.5.25 GRANT AWARDS - Grant recipients who were in attendance collected their grant award in the form of a presentation cheque and provided the meeting with some information about how their group will be spending the grant award and thanked the Parish Council for their support. This year the Parish Council issued nine grant awards totalling £2763.00 which were made to the following organisations.

Bussage Village Hall
Bussage School PTA
Chalford Sports and Social Club
Eastcombe, Bussage and Brownhill Newsletter
Eastcombe Scout and Guide Group
France Lynch Church Rooms Committee
Great Western Air Ambulance Charity
Puddleducks Nursery Chalford CIO
Tops and Bottoms

APM 7.5.25 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS – There were no questions.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and gave a reminder that the Ve Day celebrations start at 7.30pm, this event was a ticketed and had sold out. Therefore, only residents who had purchased a ticket in advance were able to stay due to health and safety requirements. There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.10pm.

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