

# North Newnton Parish Council

Annual Meeting of the Parish, held at Woodbridge Inn, North Newnton on  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Minutes

1. Marcus Stoneham (MS) (Chairman) welcomed everyone.
2. 1 Minutes silence was held to commemorate the dead as the 20 year anniversary of 9/11 plus in remembrance especially of Parishioners lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 12th May 2019 were signed by Cllr MS as a true copy.
4. Report Chair of North Newnton Parish Council for the years 2019/20 see attached, also available [www.nnpc.org.uk](http://www.nnpc.org.uk)
5. **Presentation of Annual Community Awards;** awards were presented to; **Bryan Elliot, Melissa Cole, Marion Lightbrown, Susie Wilson, Debbie Southerton, Philip Eddell, Nikki Field and David Benson.**
6. **Reports from other Community groups;**  
Carolyn Whistler, Chair of the Hilcott Village Hall Trust presented starting with the back history of the Hall, to its current demolition and looking forward to new beginnings for a new Hall. A Copy of the entire presentation available on our website [www.nnpc.org.uk](http://www.nnpc.org.uk)  
Jennifer Brisker, Church Warden St. James church spoke that we are one community supporting each other and that the Church proposals were not to compete with the Village Hall but complemented it for the Parish. The Church 1200AD (present church) needs to survive and work for the community and in looking to the future they were proposing to reconfigure the Church's design to allow a toilet, kitchenette, glass doors to let in more light, move the font to its original position and improve heating for beneficial environmental performance. A display is now in the Church about the proposals and she asked Parishioners to give feedback in the designated box or direct to her at Jennifer Brisker ([Jbrisker1@aol.com](mailto:Jbrisker1@aol.com)).  
Wiltshire Cllr Paul Oatway spoke about the last 18mths work at County Hall and how proud at staff working from home and continuing throughout the

pandemic. He had been in contact with Parish Chairs, including North Newnton throughout the pandemic, attending zoom meetings. He said that thousands had been spent including Village Halls to help them keep viable and that despite this Wiltshire had met its budget. He mentioned the “forgotten east”; i.e. / east of Devizes for road maintenance and was proud that he had helped get funding for local roads including the A342. He knew speeding was a big issue for the community including Hilcott and he was pleased that the Area Board is supporting the cost of roundels (painted speed indicator signs and slow markings for the road) for Hilcott. Although now recently retired from the Traffic Police he would be getting tripod and camera police patrols shortly to punish speeding traffic drivers. He was very pleased we were in touch with the Parish Steward directly and finally spoke about the Section 106 agreement, which was complex, and he knew slow process but he had been in liaison with the Legal Dept. of Wiltshire Council and would be updating the Parish Council at the next meeting.

7. A couple of questions from the public, a vote of thanks to Councillors and the Clerk plus it was pointed out to also thank Keith Laing for his past help as Flood Warden and himself and Cathy Laing for help with Speedwatch.

Meeting was closed at 11.30pm

Attendees (around 30 parishoners) had the opportunity to view the displays covering the proposals for St. James Church, for the replacement Village Hall at Hilcott and on the proposed footpath at North Newnton.

Gillian Tatum

Clerk to North Newnton Parish Council

13/09/2021