MINUTES OF THE FERNWOOD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held at 7.45pm on 24th May 2023 at the Fernwood Village Hall, Rubys Avenue, Fernwood

| Present: | Parish Councillors: | Neill Mison (Chair), Kim Shepherd (Vice Chair), Ian McGregor, Leigh Rixon, Jim Weale, Mollie Weale |
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| | District Councillors | Neil Allen, Simon Haynes |
| | Fernwood Community Church | Carl Meacham |
| | Nottinghamshire Police | PC Bryn Hope |
| | Nottinghamshire Youth Services | Julianne Tring |
| | Parish Council staff | Claire Blackman, Marion Fox Goddard |
| | Fernwood Youth Club | 1 young person and Rachel Atchinson (Worker in Charge) |
| | Residents | 10 individuals joined the meeting |

Thanks go to Fernwood Youth Club and Claire for arranging refreshments.

1. Welcome

Cllr Mison welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. He went on to introduce the Parish Councillors.

2. Apologies for Absence

Parish Councillor Dave Mack. District Councillor Jack Kellas, Vanessa Crane (Property manager, FirstPort).

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on May 11th, 2022

Cllr Mison asked if anyone had any comments on the minutes from this meeting; none were received, and they were signed by Cllr Mison.

4. Annual Reports

a. Nottinghamshire Police

PC Hope introduced himself as a local officer that covers Fernwood, Balderton and Middlebeck. He detailed that the Parish Clerk can always share contact details¹ for him and his colleagues if residents want to get in touch. He confirmed reports of antisocial behaviour (ASB), and crime are low in Fernwood and encouraged attendees to call 101/999 whenever they witness ASB/crime as this helps the police build up a picture and allocate resources. A resident raised concern that you can't get through on 101: Bryn detailed the average response time is 2 minutes and asked for residents to persevere with it but if there is a threat to a person, property or a crime is happening, call 999.

b. Fernwood Youth Club

¹ Email: <u>newarknpt@Notts.Police.uk</u>

Julianne Tring gave the following report:

- Lots of stakeholders got the Youth club up and running for Fernwood.
- The club has been running for year for year groups 6 to 11. The majority of attendees are 12-14 years old. Will be targeting the local primary school to recruit more members.
- Majority come from Fernwood.
- Initially there were ASB issues but staff worked with colleagues from the police, N&SDC and the interventions team to tackle this.
- Liaise with staff at the OneStop shop to ensure that any issues are addressed.
- Group has developed their own program. Young people to take ownership and become part of the community.
- Last week the members of the youth club took part in a countywide Shadow Lite event, and it is planned to take some member to an overnight Shadow event at Sherwood Forest later this year.
- The club is a safe place. Not structured activities so the young people learn how to socialise. Learning skills for when they are adults, to help build confidence.
- The young people will be baking cookies for Friday's coffee morning and joining in the community bat box making next month.
- Initial recruitment challenges have been overcome full staffing kit in place.

A question was raised about numbers of young people attending. Julianne explained it was initially too many (70+) but has reduced to 20-35. A membership system which was put in place after the first few weeks to ensure we have correct details for each young person. Julianne explained when there can be fluctuations and that there is no cap. She doesn't believe capacity is an issue and work is being done to try to build the club numbers up. Julianne explained that other agencies are brought in to work with the young people and they are given opportunities as offered in other youth clubs provided by Nottinghamshire Youth Service.

c. Fernwood Community Church (FCC)

Carl Meacham (Part time Pastor – FCC) gave the following report:

- The church has been running at Fernwood for just over 5 years.
- FCC aims to have a full-time pastor for September who will hopefully live in Fernwood.
- They have close links with Newark Evangelical Church but plan to become a separate CIO.
- The church is growing and have recently requested extra chairs. They are looking forward to when the hall is extended.
- A new Sunday evening service will commence on May 28th (last Sunday each month).
- A Toddlers Group runs on Thursday mornings.
- A 'Still Smiling' Support Group is also ran by members of the church.

- There are young people's 11+ and 16+ groups.
- Over the last year the church has organised litter picks, Easter, and Christmas events.
- Wide range demographic spectrum coming from Fernwood.
- FCC are grateful for the facility and thank staff at Fernwood Village Hall.

d. Fernwood Residents Association (FRA – Fernwood Central)

Barry Smith (Chair of FRA) gave the following report:

- Small group, which reduced during covid 7 committee members, looking to increase membership to the committee.
- They meet last Wednesday each month at 7.15pm in Fernwood Village Hall
- Can be contacted via email: info@myfernwood.org
- Website offers community groups free webspace.
- Main reason for FRA is because central Fernwood is a managed estate. Freeholders pay a service charge to FirstPort. Land is owned by Barratt David Wilson Homes. The Residents Association liaises with FirstPort rather than the Parish Council.
- FRA liaises with FirstPort regarding service charges and try to address concerns of residents. Currently querying the reserves.
- Queries/concerns can be raised at any of the FRA meetings or via email.
- Next meeting: next Wednesday 31st May.
- Fobs for tennis courts can be obtained from John Jeys in the FirstPort office (Fernwood Central residents only).

e. Newark and Sherwood District Council (N&SDC)

Cllr Mison introduced 2 of the new Newark and Sherwood District Councillors, Neil Allen, and Simon Haynes. They gave the following update:

- Council at a very early stage
- First full Council held on 23/5/23. Cabinet appointed.
- Could give no detailed updates but offered to take questions.
- Will try to get to Parish Council meetings to address queries.
- Looking forward to representing Fernwood.
- Contact through district council website or via the Parish Clerk.
- Glass recycling funded and agreed. Date to be confirmed.
- District recycling, bins, planning, Antisocial behaviour (ASB). County: roads
- ASB please report and let the district councillors know.

f. Fernwood Petanque Group

Two members of the group outlined that their piste needs to be resurfaced and requested help with this. Vanessa Crane (FirstPort) has put something forward. Neill suggested talking to Marion to help with a grant application. A resident has sourced

some stone and offered to do the work free of charge if the stone can be paid for. There has been some damage to the area as public use it. FRA can also help with funding if the Petanque committee attend a FRR committee meeting.

g. Fernwood Parish Council (FPC)

Cllr Mison thanked Barry Smith for his service as Chair for the past seven years and Dee Harrison, John Newton, Ryan Cullen, and Henry Micah for their service to Fernwood over the years.

Fernwood Parish Council is a new council and have had our first meeting plus our annual parish council meeting. We have begun productive conversations on all our ideas and have strategy workshops planned imminently. During the summer we will bring forward our ideas and decide, as a Council, our priorities. During the election period we outlined our plan for Fernwood and intend to bring this forward. We will provide updates in due course and consult with the residents of Fernwood as much as possible over the next four years. Our hope is to shape our community to suit all.

5. Open Forum for parishioners' comments and questions

A resident asked: In the paperwork for the election, FirstPort was mentioned and that the Council will be trying to help the residents. What ideas does the Parish Council has?

Cllr Mison said the ideas could not be shared as the Council has not met to discuss them.

A further question was asked: Isn't it the Residents Association that deals with FirstPort?

Cllr Mison: Agreed FirstPort deal with Residents Associations because their core business is managing property. The current council is looking at continuing the work of the previous council in taking on the land in Fernwood central and Fernwood north (new builds).

When Fernwood Parish Council owns the land in Fernwood central, FirstPort will continue to be the managing agents.

Another resident asked : So what about the new phases then? We are moving to Fernwood North. We've heard rumours that the parish council are trying to get FirstPort as a managing agent in there.

Cllr Shepherd said that she lives in Fernwood and it's not any conversation that the Council has had to move FirstPort into the new part.

Resident: concerned that FirstPort fees are over £1000 just to sell my house and my worry is they are getting into Fernwood North.

Cllr Mison explained his understanding is that the provision for a Manco is not on the deeds for the houses sold so far. This cannot be changed. Plans are for the land to go for the district council and then the parish council.

Resident asked: Could the Parish Council then take on a managing agent?

Clerk: It would be possible for FirstPort could tender for the work.

Resident: Concerned that FirstPort would get on our deeds.

Clerk and Cllr Mison: They can't retrospectively be added to the deeds.

Clerk: Recommended to the resident to get their solicitor to check the if there is any provision for a management company to be put in place. The agreement is that the land will come to Fernwood Parish Council and the Council will manage the open spaces.

Resident: Would the Parish Council have the right to employ FirstPort on that estate?

Cllr Mison: We would have to put this out to tender.

Resident: Would the residents get to vote on that?

Cllr Mison: Councillors elected to make those decisions. The Council would review tenders submitted and assess which provider would be the most appropriate.

Cllr Shepherd: It is not a decision that the Council would make without consultation.

Resident: Expressed concerns on the effect FirstPort has had on some residents and wouldn't want to go down that road again. Original contract gives FirstPort a right on your deeds. Concerns they will get on the new contract.

Another resident: Don't want to end up in the same position as we are in Fernwood Central for Fernwood North. Some residents paying a management fee and some not. Rumours that costs to Fernwood Central could come down if FirstPort maintained the North developments. Against any more management company arrangements coming into Fernwood. The staff on the ground do a fabulous job. The company itself is a different matter. The idea of having a management company arrangement s.

Cllr Mison: Clarified the Council is not pushing forward using management companies.

Cllr Shepherd: A huge assumption is being made. No decisions have been made.

Resident: Rumours are going around.

Cllr Mison: No decision has been made because not met as a council to decide.

Cllr Shepherd: We've only been in post for 2 weeks. There is a huge amount of information to absorb. No decision has been made. The Council will have a strategy meeting and then any decisions to be made will be at a public meeting. Lives in Fernwood North and knows so far no management provision on deeds so far.

Resident: Were you told there will be no management company when you bought?

Cllr Shepherd: Yes.

Resident: Concerning that the rumour flying around is that the Parish Council are trying to confer with FirstPort.

Cllr Mison: Good to know the rumours are out there. Thanked resident for pointing it out.

Clerk: Every agenda must published at least 3 clear working days before the actual meeting. Parish Council Meetings are on a Monday evening and will be published on the Tuesday before. Agendas are on the notice board, the Parish Council website and published out to Facebook so it is recommended that everyone looks out for them. The decisions are there for the Council to make but with something as significant as this, it would be a big change of strategy so it would have to go out to consultation.

Resident: Don't want management company anywhere near our house.

Cllr Mison: When the Parish Council is a landowner, we could contract out or take on staff to maintain the land.

Another resident: Like phase one, houses already occupied in new development wouldn't have management company charges if a Manco was opted for by the new council.

Resident : Speed on Goldstraw Lane also an issue – some drivers don't reduce speed from the roundabout. Concerns someone will get hurt. Suggested get a speed gun for community to use

Another resident: This was done in the past but there weren't enough volunteers.

Resident: Car parking along Goldstraw also an issue.

Another resident: Parked cars do slow traffic down.

Cllr Mison: Traffic management will be considered by the Parish Council. Speed and parking have always been an issue. Estate designed to 1990 standards.

Resident: Suggested a 20mph speed limit.

Another resident: The amount of traffic makes it worse.

Another resident asked: On current estimations how many houses will be on Fernwood after the developments?

Clerk: The number of households will quadruple to over 4000 homes.

Resident: More and more traffic, more and more houses. No new facilities.

Cllr Mison: Funding to improve A1 over bridge (from 2 to three lanes), new roundabout will link the Southern Relief Road to the B6326.

Cllr J. Weale: We need another road out of Fernwood.

Resident: Where will the SLR join at Fernwood?

Clerk: There will be a roundabout just after the services before you go off the A1 overbridge.

Clerk: Fernwood Parish Council is a consultee. The strategy of where housing is going to go is not made by Fernwood Parish Council. The Parish Council cannot change the housing strategy for the area.

Cllr Mison: 9000 homes planned between Middlebeck and Fernwood. The district council has to plan to build 30000 homes for the whole of the district.

Resident: Can't see how the roads will work.

Cllr Mison: Some infrastructure gets built upfront, some during the build out. New roundabout at Allison Homes will lead through into Fernwood and meet up the Hollowdyke Lane.

Resident: that doesn't go anywhere as the County Councillor doesn't want the north end of Hollowdyke Lane open.

Cllr Mison: Can't talk about things that were agreed years ago. The Parish Council is a consultee as any resident is.. The Parish Council put the Neighbourhood plan which help shape the planning strategy.

Resident: Has consideration been given to 4000 houses and the service station? – we're going to be an island. If there is a problem with bridge, we can't get out

Cllr Mison: Service station wasn't in the strategy. There will be a new roundabout with the SLR. That will make the exit from the services easier.

Resident - will the bridge cope?

Cllr McGregor – couldn't agree with you more, but these decisions are in the hands of Nottinghamshire County Council.

Bryn Hope : New officer project, Antisocial behaviour survey. Left surveys for attendees to complete.

Cllr Mison thanked everyone to coming to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:50pm

Append ix 1: Fernwood Parish Council Annual Report



Annual Parish Council Report 2022 – 2023

Compiled by: Marion Fox Goddard Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer May 22nd 2023

Introduction

The annual report of Fernwood Parish Council covers the civic year, which starts in May at the Annual Parish Council Meeting when the Chairman of the Council was elected by fellow Councillors. The report also covers the financial year, from 1st April to 31st March and gives an overview of the financial position of Fernwood Parish Council.

This report is divided into sections, each outlines relevant information and details the work the Parish Council has been doing during the Civic year May 2022 to May 2023. We hope that you find this report of interest as it is intended to be a communication and information tool to keep you, the electorate, informed of the activities of your local Council. Much of this information is included on the website and is updated on a regular basis, this report simply collates the information on an annual basis.

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Introduction to Fernwood Parish Council and Councillors

The Parish of Fernwood is relatively new with Fernwood Parish Council being formed in 2008. Parish Councils are now seen as an important tier in the government structure and can take on and manage local areas.

The Parish Council is proactive in ensuring that the views of its electorate are heard at District and County Council level, with the Parish Clerk in regular contact with both District and County Councils to ensure requests made by residents are dealt with.

The Parish Council is proactive with all aspects of Planning within the Parish and will also respond to planning consultations in adjacent Parishes/Districts if it is felt that the application will have an impact on Fernwood residents. Any planning policy changes at either local or national level are considered, and responses sent when appropriate to the decision makers to ensure that these are fit for purpose. The Parish Council responses to consultations on applications are assisted when comments are received from parishioners, so these are welcomed. Due to the work conducted by the Parish Council, to ensure that Fernwood has a Neighbourhood Plan in place, Fernwood receives a larger proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy - 25%, uncapped. The Neighbourhood Plan went to referendum in September 2017 and now this is a more local policy document, to help to meet the future needs of the community.

The Parish Council is proactive in trying to represent as much of the Parish as is possible. Residents are encouraged to come to our meetings, contact our Councillors and staff if you need help or have an idea to share. We publish the Fernwood Gazette every six months and regularly update our website and Facebook page to keep residents informed.

The Parish Clerk (Marion Fox Goddard) can be contacted by the following methods:

Telephone: 01636 613024 email: clerk@fernwood-pc.co.uk

The Clerk is available on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 10am – 1pm in the Parish Council office at Fernwood Village Hall (but will pick up/respond to emails and phone messages Monday to Friday).

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Achievements and Progress during the year

- 1. Costall Woods The woodland (behind Fernwood Day Nursery) purchase was completed in May 2022. The lights that had not worked for years have been repaired/upgraded to LED. Bins have been installed. A meeting was held with the community in July 2022 to discuss ideas for the woodland which led to the design of a wildlife garden on the area behind Marron Court which was delivered in April. A community bulb planting session was held in October.. An ecological survey has been conducted and necessary tree work has been done. One of the felled trees has been carved into an owl. Community Infrastructure Levy (money from developers - CIL) is being used to fund this project.
- 2. Community Jubilee Celebration In June 2022, we held a Platinum Jubilee Celebration with live music, free entertainment, and fireworks the event was a great success. Thanks go out to all our volunteers who worked with the Parish Council to make this happen. Also, many thanks to the local businesses and residents who were understanding of our need to close Rubys Avenue to keep event attendees safe.
- **3. Youth Club** Fernwood Youth Club opened its doors on Friday evenings from April 2022. The club is open to young people in year 6 to year 11. The service is delivered by Nottinghamshire Youth Services. Community Infrastructure Levy funding along with grants and contributions from Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. The Parish Council has committed funding for the club for the next financial year and foresee this continuing in future years should the club to be in demand.
- 4. Village Hall Expansion The Council has submitted a pre-planning application enquiry to the planning authority to assess the likelihood of a planning application for the addition of a new hall (on the back car park) along with adaptation of the changing rooms to storage space being permitted. The feedback received led the Council to appoint a highways specialist to help us with ensuring the Council has enough parking spaces for the additional floor space planned. A parking survey will be completed in May 2023 and the Council will take the next steps to move the application forward. Should the application be successful the hall will be able to accommodate more parties and regular activities/groups.

- 5. Fernwood Central Land Transfer The Council is still working with Newark and Sherwood District Council to get the open spaces in Fernwood Central handed over from Barratt David Wilson Homes to Fernwood Parish Council. The progress of this is much slower than we would have liked but we continue to push for this and are assured that Barratt David Wilson Homes are committed to handing the land over.
- 6. Land Transfer/Maintenance in new developments in Fernwood The Council has continued to work with Newark and Sherwood District Council to ensure public ownership and maintenance of public open spaces and community facilities are achieved without the use of management companies. This work is ongoing with there being three developers in/due to be the Parish.

7. Highways

- **a.** *Interactive Speed Sign* It has been agreed that the Parish Council can fund an interactive speed sign using Community Infrastructure Levy although we are waiting for Via East Midlands to deliver this.
- b. *Rumble Strips* Following a resident raising concerns regarding the noise/vibrations caused by rumble strips, we consulted with all households living close by to these on Goldstraw Lane and Dale Way. These are having a significant effect on some residents so the Parish Council approached Nottinghamshire County Council/Via to see if this could be addressed using CIL. Nottinghamshire County Council advise that rumble strips are not recommended for residential areas so alternative options have been requested.
- c. Hollowdyke Lane The Parish Council conducted an online consultation with residents through social media. A significant number of residents said they supported the Council investigating the possibility of keeping Hollowdyke Lane open although Nottinghamshire County Council have detailed lots of barriers to this. Our highways specialist has given an indication of the costs involved to keeping Hollowdyke Lane open and suggested that this be a condition of a future planning application and would be subject to political will.

The Council had speeding tubes placed on Hollowdyke Lane to assess the traffic using the road. The evidence shows that most traffic is not following the advisory 20mph limit and 50% of traffic is travelling over 30mph. A request has been submitted to Via East Midlands for the speed limit to be reduced to 30mph funded by Community Infrastructure Levy but unfortunately they have declined.

- 8. Local Council Award Scheme The Parish Council was successful with its application for the Local Council Award Scheme Foundation Level. This award shows not only that we meet a set of minimum standards to deliver effectively for the community, but we are striving to offer more to our residents. To meet this award the council has had to demonstrate that it has the required documentation and information in place for operating lawfully and according to standard practice. The Council is committed to applying for the next level award and hope to do this in 2023/24.
- **9. Coat of Arms** The Council invested in a Coat of Arms from the College of Arms. This was funded with CIL funding with no cost to the council taxpayer. It was bought to use for signage at the gateways to the Parish. The amount of money spent on this and community involvement with the decision was a concern to some residents leading to a petition being

submitted to the Parish Council. Reports were published and a response to the petition given.

- **10. Staff** The Parish Council team of staff this year, has been further strengthened with the appointment of Claire Blackman as Administration Assistant. Claire works 15 hours per week alongside the Parish Clerk who has been moved to a full time contract. The Caretaker continues to work 30 hours and has enjoyed the additional work in Costall Woods.
- **11. Elections** On May 4th, 2023, local elections were held. The election for Fernwood Parish Council was contested with 12 candidates standing with only 7 seats on the Council. 5 new councillors and 2 members of the previous council were elected (see page 3 for full details). Thanks goes to Ryan Cullen, Dee Harrison, John Newton, Henry Micah, and Barry Smith for their public service over the years.

Chairman's report (Annual Meeting of Parishioners - Wednesday 24th May 2023, at 7:45pm in the main hall at Fernwood Village Hall)

I would like to introduce myself, as the newly elected Chair of Fernwood Parish Council. I would like to thank Barry Smith for his service as Chair for the past seven years and Dee Harrison, John Newton, Ryan Cullen, and Henry Micah for their service to Fernwood over the years.

We are a new council and have had our first meeting plus our annual parish council meeting. We have begun productive conversations on all our ideas and have strategy workshops planned imminently. During the summer we will bring forward our ideas and decide, as a Council, our priorities. During the election period we outlined our plan for Fernwood and intend to bring this forward. We will provide updates in due course and consult with the residents of Fernwood as much as possible over the next four years. Our hope is to shape our community to suit all.

Finance: 2022/23 year

The Parish Council is in a favourable financial position with adequate reserves and a significant amount of Community Infrastructure Levy funding to deliver excellent services in the Parish of Fernwood. The Parish Council, when setting the budget for 2023/24, has recognised the need to plan for future service delivery & development, whilst also not increasing the financial burden on residents.

An internal audit has been undertaken with the auditor report being submitted to full council. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return report to the council was signed in April and associated paperwork has been submitted to the appointed external auditor. The Parish Council has served notice of the public inspection period for the accounts. Once the external auditor has assessed our submission and reported back this will be published. The accounts can be inspected by appointment with the Parish Clerk in accordance with the Notice of Public Rights. Fernwood Parish Council has set the dates for the public inspection of their 2022/23 accounts from June 5th to July 14th, 2023 – to make an appointment to view the accounts, contact the Parish Council office.

The Council has an Investment Policy to ensure prudent management of the reserves the Council hold. Full details of expenditure and budgets are available on the Parish Council website.

Some Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is available to local groups through grants. No applications have been received this year.

Councillors Attendance Record (is published on the website <u>Fernwood Parish Council, Fernwood</u>, <u>Newark (fernwood-pc.co.uk)</u>)

2023/24 Timetable of Meetings

Full Council - The Parish Council meets on the third Monday of each month (except August and December when there is no meeting) at 7pm in the small hall of Fernwood Village Hall. All meetings of the Parish Council have a public forum which starts shortly after 7pm. Residents are invited to all meetings.

| 15 MAY 2023, MON | • 19:00 - 22:00 | Parish Council Meeting PCM Small Hall |
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| 19 JUN 2023, MON | • 19:00 - 22:00 | Parish Council Meeting PCM Small Hall |
| 17 JUL 2023, MON | • 19:00 - 22:00 | Parish Council Meeting PCM Small Hall |
| 18 SEPT 2023, MON | • 19:00 - 22:00 | Parish Council Meeting PCM Small Hall |
| 16 ост 2023, мом | • 19:00 - 22:00 | Parish Council Meeting PCM Small Hall |
| 20 NOV 2023, MON | • 19:00 - 22:00 | Parish Council Meeting PCM Small Hall |
| 15 JAN 2024, MON | • 19:00 - 22:00 | Parish Council Meeting PCM Small Hall |
| 19 FEB 2024, MON | • 19:00 - 22:00 | Parish Council Meeting PCM Small Hall |
| 18 MAR 2024, MON | • 19:00 - 22:00 | Parish Council Meeting PCM Small Hall |
| 15 APR 2024, MON | • 19:00 - 22:00 | Parish Council Meeting PCM Small Hall |

Annual Parish Council Meeting - In May, we hold an Annual Parish Council Meeting at 6pm prior to the usual Parish Council meeting. This is where we elect the Chair for the year and review all our standing orders, financial regulations and many more items regarding the administration of the Council. This meeting is open to residents.

Closing remarks

The Parish Council which served up to May 8th, 2023, worked hard to make improvements throughout the parish for the benefit of all residents. The new Council (elected on May 4th) and our staff will serve the community to the best of its ability during the next 12 months and will rise to the challenges that constantly require us to review and change what we do and how we do it, to represent the community which we serve.

Full details of the Council's work can be found in our 2022/2023 Action Review and a plan of action for 2023/24. This can be found on the Fernwood Parish Council website. Fernwood Parish Council is committed to considering all matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council, either through its Councillors or direct to the Parish Clerk.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk or the Parish Councillors.