

MINUTES OF ETCHILHAMPTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2024 HELD ON TUESDAY 22 MAY 2024 AT 7.45PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mr Hanson (Chairman), Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cowdry, Mr. Harris, Mr Nash, Mrs. Wimble

Agenda

Part I – Guest Speakers. There were no guest speakers. Mr. Hanson had invited Mrs. Wood Woolley to talk about her role as Clerk for the historical aspects of the village, documenting events to raise a profile of the village of Etchilhampton. Sadly Mrs. Wood Woolley was unable to attend but agreed to attend a future meeting.

Part II – Ordinary Agenda

1. Minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting held on 30 May, 2023 were approved and signed.
2. Matters Arising. None.
3. Parish Council Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts. Mr Nash presented his report and the annual accounts to parishioners and he explained the Council's expenditure items. There was an insurance claim for the bench on the playing field and the costs of replacing it. Very similar to last year. Generally, our expenses are low. Mr J Garland is the independent auditor who checks and signs off the accounts. No increase in precept this year but all agreed the EPC should think about increasing it next year. Mrs. Clark commented that if we had increased funds, we could purchase the new defibrillator. No issues were raised by the meeting.
4. Parish Council Chairman's Report. Mr. Hanson paid tribute to Mr. Ralph Smith who had been a Councillor for Etchilhampton for many years and had sadly died. A plaque would be put up in the Village Hall in remembrance of Mr. Smith. Mr. Harris had been co-opted as Councillor.

Highways and flooding had been an issue over the winter months. The gully service had visited in February but had been unable to complete the job. The parish steward visits regularly but his time is limited and therefore only a limited number of jobs get done. Mr. Roberts had produced a safety report for the equipment on the playing field. A new bench and table had been installed.

5. Points from the Public. None.
6. Mr. Hanson thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was closed at 19.55.