

**Annual Assembly Meeting of Ashbury Parish Council
Monday 16th May 2022 at 6pm in the Village Hall**

Minutes

Present: Cllrs C Prentice (Chair), J Greenham, P Cowx, A Reynolds, J Ruggiero, N Morgan and District Cllr E Ware.

Apologies: County Cllr Y Constance and District Cllr S Howell

1. Acceptance of minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting - Approved

2. Chairs Report-

Cllr Prentice explained it had been a good year with many achievements and thanked all Councillors for serving.

The volunteers had been busy strimming and maintaining assets throughout the year; thanks were given to the volunteers.

There had been a revolution in planning and processes within planning with thanks to P Smith (Chair of NPG).

A new group had been formed advising on Wifi, which continued to be challenging; thanks to G Turner for leading on this.

The Website had had some improvements made, though with more still needed.

Matters to do with the Village Shop had moved forward, and the Council were in the process of signing a new lease.

The residents of the Village had shown how welcoming the village is with 5 families offering to host Ukrainian Refugees. A sub-committee had been formed and had been well set up with numerous residents offering different services.

Cllr Prentice asked all Councillors if there were any lessons to learn from the last year. Cllr Greenham suggested that we could improve our communications with residents, Cllr Prentice noted that APC were now using a wider variety of channels of communication, including Facebook and the Round Robin email, but agreed we could do more.

3. County & District Councillor reports

The District Councillor Annual Report can be viewed on the website www.ashbury.org.uk

4. Elections for Chair, Vice-Chair and all other posts for the coming [2022/23] year.

Chair post for the coming year- Cllr C Prentice

Vice Chair post for the coming year- Cllr J Greenham.

The meeting agreed that all Councillors would continue in their current roles for the coming year.

5. Accounts of financial year 2021/22 – The Parish Council had a small underspend last year.

Approval of insurance cover for 2022/23 – After conducting extensive researches into the market, Cllr Reynolds was about to circulate the quotes received for various levels of cover.

6. Dates of council meetings for the coming [2022/23] year.

28th June 2022

13th September 2022

14th November 2022

16th January 2023

13th March 2023

15th May 2023

7. Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 6:13pm