

**PECKFORTON PARISH MEETING
MINUTES OF AGM
11th MAY 2021**

	PRESENT	
	Penny Shearer (Chairman) Andrew Shearer Laura Maddocks (Vice -Chairman) Richard Edwards (Vice -Chairman) Debbie Sargent (Clerk) Stan Davies (Ward Councillor) Daphne Weedall (Chair of Beeston) Stuart Naylor Dan Pendlebury Lee Mackenzie Graham Cooper Paul Burrell Jo Parsons Alan Parsons Lesley Dyer Mike Watson Hilary Watson Chris Jones Pete Yeomans	Caroline Garner Laurence Woodhouse Rebekah Cooch Tony Ennion Jackie Ennion Lindsey Trafford-Haigh Nick Haigh Jo Scorer Graham Wood Amanda Doyle John Doyle Carrie Burton Andrew Burton Kate Rosser Richard Whitehead Ann Richardson Alan Cooch Toni Cooch
1.0	APOLOGIES	Action
	Alison & Mike Barlow Carol & Phil Maddocks	
2.0	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
	There had not been an AGM in 2020. The minutes of the AGM from 2019 had been previously approved.	
3.0	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT	
	<p>Penny talked of the challenges of the past two years especially in relation to the Covid pandemic, the assistance received from two new Vice-Chairs and the invaluable support received from the Cheshire Association of Local Councils and Cheshire Community Action.</p> <p>She thanked everyone in the village who had contributed in making the village a better place to live.</p> <p>She stressed the benefit of the COVID-19 community support network and how Beeston, Spurstow and Haughton had worked extremely well together providing support for many people through the pandemic.</p> <p>She highlighted changes such as the new website, which will help with communication in the village and be a platform for news, the Steering Group which is tackling the issue of speeding in the village as well as other Highways matters. The discussions in relation to a neighbourhood plan are in progress, the poppy wreathes have been finalised, grit bin and litter bins increased, working groups to tidy and clean the parish have taken place and a defibrillator installed. Plans for a Christmas tree with celebrations and a summer party are in hand to bring the village together after this long period of lockdown.</p>	

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	<p>Penny thanked Debbie for her dedication in her role as Clerk and confirmed her resignation and the appointment of a new clerk, Chris Jones from Spurstow, who was then introduced.</p> <p>Finally Penny commented that she had always endeavoured to support the village and residents in carrying out her duties, although it hadn't always been easy to get things done, she had always had the best intentions for this community, wanting to make this a wonderful place to live and a welcome place for visitors.</p>	
4.0	FINANCIAL REVIEW	
4.1	The end of year accounts showed a balance at 31st March of £1,055. Spending was £1,659 (£150 over and above the precept of £1,517), the majority of expenditure being on salary and expenses, insurance and a new litter bin.	
4.2	The Certificate of Exemption from an external audit was proposed by Debbie and seconded by Jo Scorer.	DS
4.3	The Statement of Accounts and Audit report will be published on the website and displayed on the parish noticeboard for the obligatory period of 14 days from 1st - 14th June.	CJ
4.4	Predicted spending is high as the website has to be paid for and there were suggestions for purchases for the village such as planters in addition to normal outgoings. Debbie suggested that it would be sensible to reconsider the present in December as the parish is spending more than it receives from Cheshire East and there has been no increase in 3 years.	
5.0	ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN	
5.1	Nominations were invited for the post of Chair and Laurence Woodhouse nominated himself and gave a short presentation on his ideas and what he could bring to the role. He was seconded by Jo Parsons.	
5.2	Penny said she did not wish to put her name forward for this position. As there were no other candidates she invited Laurence to the position. There being no need for a vote, Laurence took the Chair.	
5.3	Richard offered his resignation as Vice-Chairman.	
6.0	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	There was no other business.	
7.0	DATE OF NEXT AGM	
	Subject to the hall being available, 10th May 2022 was decided upon.	