

## **Annual parish AGM held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2023 in the Village Hall, Maplebeck**

Those present Mr Brendan Carson, Parish Meeting Chairman, Mrs Sylvia Michaels Newark and Sherwood District Council. Twenty two members of the public from the village.

Apologies from Mr Bruce Laughton, Nottinghamshire County Council.

### **Election of Chairman**

Brendan Carson welcomed all present and declared that he was standing down as Chair of the Parish meeting. Mrs Sylvia Michael took the chair and asked for proposal for new chairman. Richard Kinnear proposed Roger Bell and was seconded by Rachel Gardner. There being no other candidates RB was duly elected.

Roger took the Chair and thanked Brendan for all his service over the past 8 years.

#### **1. Minutes**

**2022**

The Minutes were on the village website during the year acceptance was proposed by Richard Kinnear and seconded by Rachel Gardner and were accepted by the meeting.

#### **2. Election of Village Hall Committee**

Village Hall Committee now had only a small number of members Donna Bowyer, Max Crow, Rachel Gardner and Julie Grundy, acceptance of these was asked for and it was proposed by Jane Kinnear and seconded Roger Bell. All present were in agreement, and the aforementioned were duly elected.

#### **3. Newark & Sherwood DC report.**

Mrs. Sylvia Michael also thanked Brendan for his work. She then made a statement on behalf of the Newark and Sherwood District Council. *See below.*

#### **4. Village Financial Report**

BC declared a statement of the accounts at nil and proposed not to set a parish precept in line with previous years, this was proposed by Richard Kinnear and seconded by Rachel Gardner. A zero- budget return will be filed with the auditors on request and a copy displayed in the bus shelter and will be available on the Maplebeck website with accompanying minutes.

BC stated that the only ongoing parish liability is that of the dog refuse bin emptying. We have donations supporting this which has covered this year, the facility for paying for this service can be done online with the Newark and Sherwood site and we could purchase more if required. He appealed for people to support this facility.

## **5. Village Hall Committee.**

A report was given by Rachel Gardner and a copy of the audited accounts were circulated. She appealed for new trustees to come forward, Emma Richardson and Dan Plant volunteered.

Eddie Neale proposed thanks to the Committee for all their efforts.

The 2022 Annual Report and Annual Accounts are on the website [www.maplebeckvillagehall.org](http://www.maplebeckvillagehall.org).

Any questions can be answered online by email or telephone.

## **6. Church report**

A copy was circulated by Canon Eddie Neale to all those present.

## **7. Planning**

Brendan Carson informed the meeting that a recent planning refusal was going to appeal.

## **8. Village Matters**

The Chairman thanked Mr Andrew Coulson for kindly cutting the Village Green and hoped he could continue to do so.

Re: Flooding in the Village. Roger reported that the Council had attended during the year.

Jane Kinnear presented a statement of accounts for the John Sudbury Trust which stood at £1535.79. That it receives £125.00 per annum rent for a field in Egmonton. She encouraged villagers to be aware of the history and function of the Trust, which is on the [Maplebeck.org.uk](http://Maplebeck.org.uk) website.

The footpath Officer, Colin Mathews, reported that new signs had been erected and James McGrath confirmed that Messrs Strawson had provided these. Colin requested that a new Officer be found as ill health prevented him from continuing.

Brendan confirmed that the defibrillator continued to be monitored monthly on a rota basis and the reports of same completed online.

It was reported by Brendan that one of the plaques on the Church wall was unsound and needed attention.

## **9. Village events 2023/4**

It was reported to the meeting by the Chairman that Eve and David Knight-Jones were happy to host the Fete for this year, which was to be held on the 24th of June, for which

they were thanked in absentia. A meeting was to be held regarding the fete organisation on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April @ 7:30pm in the village hall.

Commemoration of the Coronation of King Charles 111 was suggested, several villagers were away and therefore it was suggested before any arrangements were made that soundings should be taken as to how many people would be in the village on the day, and whether a celebration should take place.

The Local Council elections will take place in early May, JK asked if we were charging the maximum for such council events in the village hall. Rachel confirmed she would look into the matter.

The date for the 2024 meeting to be announced later.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

Minutes taken by Jane Kinnear.

### **District Council report for 2023**

It was declared by Mrs. Sylvia Michael that as there are to be elections in May for the local council, she was therefore unable to answer any questions but merely to make a statement as follows:

1. A snapshot of the past year has seen residents supported with the cost of living. As of September 2022, 46,198 mandatory council tax energy awards were made totalling £6.9 million. Also 6715 discretionary council tax energy awards were made totalling £196,438. The Council supported four food clubs so as to be able to run independently.  
Once again we saw the Tour of Britain through our district bringing tourists to our area and it was good to see the villages joining in with the theme.  
Improvements to sport/leisure facilities: Magnus School hockey pitch, changing facilities for Fernwood Foxes at Ollerton Swimming pool, sauna at Blidworth Community & Activity Village.
2. Fly tipping has been reduced by 9%, six prosecutions so far this year.  
16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of March will be days of action for litter picking.  
7919 trees have been planted and 10,000 given free to residents, parishes and groups.  
After responses from a residents survey, a new glass collection scheme will commence in September 2023.  
In the past year 7188 more garden recycling subscriptions have been received making a total of 19,188.
3. In the past year 224 new homes have been built. 87 at Arkwood, 137 at HRA (with 36 more in progress) this is more than any other council in the County.

4. The District Council has provided homes for Ukrainian refugees supporting 155 active sponsors, this place 244 individuals into the district.  
20 Syrian and Afghan families were resettled in Newark and Sherwood more than any other Nottinghamshire district or borough.
5. The parish council Initiative Fund gave out 57 grants to town and parish councils totalling £15,550, this was replaced by the Community Grant Scheme supporting 32 groups so far giving out more than £100,000.
6. Last May, Newark and Sherwood District Council moved from a committee style of governance to an executive cabinet system. The idea being to quicken up decision making.