



GRENDON UNDERWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2023

Pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972 (various sections), the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Grendon Underwood will be held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Grendon Underwood on 23rd May 2023.

This is not a Parish Council Meeting. The current Chairman of the Parish Council attended and acted as the legally mandated Chairman of the meeting.

Parish Councillors attending did so as residents of the parish with the same voting rights as any other resident. The purpose of the Parish meeting is to allow representation on "parish matters" by and to those present. It was open to all residents of the parish and any other stakeholders working, or with interests, in the parish. Two Buckinghamshire Council councillors attended.

The Chairman heard those annual reports as available as shown below.

Issue date – 26th May 2023

B. Martindale - Acting Parish Clerk

**The Chairman will accommodate any resident of the parish to make representations.
Any Stakeholder reports to hand will be available on the Council web site.**

APM.01 To receive any representations from residents. **Minute-** none arising.

APM.02 To note the Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report. **Minute-** the Chairman of the Parish Council summarised her annual report as posted to the Parish Council web site, highlighting and emphasising her gratitude for all the support she has received throughout the year, especially from her fellow Parish Councillors and making special mention of the three Grendon Underwood Ward councillors of Buckinghamshire Council.

APM.03 To note the RFO's Annual Report. **Minute-** the Responsible Financial Officer of the Parish Council summarised his annual report, as posted to the Parish Council web site. He confirmed the Council strategic plan, for the prudent allocation of funds in favour of maximising tangible benefit in the community, remains on track; that Council carries out its statutory duty to manage and review its reserves and that it carries out its statutory duty in regard to risk analysis and risk management.

APM.04 To note a report from Buckinghamshire Unitary Authority. **Minute-** two Buckinghamshire Council councillors for the Grendon Underwood Ward attended and summarised the County annual report as posted to the Parish Council web site. They explained how County has many statutory duties and the apportionment of local funding and Government grants to various delivery departments. Whilst recognising County is constrained as to comparative departmental spend, residents were dismayed by the size of the allocation to highways and pothole repair in relation to other spend priorities, albeit statutory, as that is by far the most contentious issue and source of anger & complaint in Grendon Underwood.

A BC councillor will forward a pothole damage report.

The BC councillors were at pains to ensure residents were left in no doubt as to the importance this issue is held at County, with Buckinghamshire Council releasing an additional £5M from their reserves to support this priority. They assured the meeting that Grendon Underwood has not been forgotten and that Main Street is a high priority with works currently scheduled for August 2023, GUPC councillors stressing the importance of pothole works being commenced after utilities were completed.

This would be achieved by an additional release of County reserves, a contribution of funds, albeit inadequate, from HMG, the appointment of a new contractor, an increase in the number of crews to 15 and 24/7 working dedicated to addressing repairs, the acquisition of new dedicated plant & practices and a clear strategic plan bearing in mind the hundreds of miles of road in Buckinghamshire.

APM.05 To note a report by Thames Valley Police community policing team. **Minute-** not available

APM.06 To note a report from the Village Hall Charity. **Minute-** not available due to absence.

APM.07 To note a report from the Saye & Sele Foundation. **Minute-** an annual report, as posted to the Parish Council web site, was summarised by a Trustee. The Foundation has agreed & prepared a lease for the whole of recreation filed, thereby subsuming the two current lease, in favour of GUPC. However, GUPC has resolved to defer their decision for the consideration of the next duly constituted Council. The Foundation continues to fund hedge trimming & mowing.

APM.08 To note a report from GUCS. **Minute-** not available

APM.09 To note a report from HMP Springhill & Grendon. **Minute-** not available

APM.10 Open forum for “parish matters” not on the agenda of the Annual Parish Council Meeting to follow.
Minute- A resident will circulate the response to a recent Fol.

APM.11 Determine the time & place of next Annual Parish Meeting. **Minute-** 28th May 2024

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.06

Signed as a true and accurate record: dated:
Kim Moloney, Chairman presiding.