

BAINBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Residents Meeting
Held at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge
On Tuesday 14th May 2024

Present:

Cllr James Peacock (Chair)
Cllr Darren Percival
Cllr Samantha Parfitt

Cllr. Thomas Tennant
Cllr Miriam Cloughton
Mrs Kate Kelly (Clerk)

No members of the public were present.

1. Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2023 had been issued to Councillors. Cllr Cloughton proposed that they be adopted as a correct record of proceedings. This was seconded by Cllr Peacock and agreed by all. The Minutes were duly signed by the Chair.

2. Chairman's Review of the Year

Cllr Peacock presented his review of the year 2023/24. He thanked all the Councillors and the Clerk for their work over the year. He welcomed Cllr Parfitt who joined us during the year when Cllr Brian Brown stepped down. Cllr Peacock once again thanked Brian for all his hard work over the years both as a Councillor and in his role of grasscutter, bench mender etc.etc.

He also thanked Karen Prudden who has continued in her role as Superintendent to the cemetery for her work throughout the year. There has been a lot of work carried out in the Cemetery this year, in part due to storm damage. Some trees had to be removed or cut back but it is now looking good. He thanked John Banks for his work cutting the grass in the cemetery.

Jim Paredes is now cutting the grass on the village green and seems to be doing a good job. The Beamish Rally is to return to the village in June for the first time since covid and the Bainbridge Motor Club MotorFest which was very successful last year will be held again in August.

This year there was an event held to celebrate the switching on of the Christmas lights and this was very well attended. It was a lovely evening which included community singing and a visit from Father Christmas. Cllr. Peacock expressed his thanks to Louise Alder, Alice Richards, Les Bartle, Will Thwaites and the other members of the Christmas lights committee for their great work during the year which results in making the village look sparkly at Christmas. They continue to fund raise to make the lights bigger and better every year and Cllr. Peacock thanked them for all their efforts which are much appreciated and enjoyed by all. The Parish Councils Christmas tree eventually stayed up and Cllr. Peacock wanted to thank Richard Mudd for his help with this.

The development of the Chapel into two homes for affordable housing is going well and it is hoped that they will be ready to rent out to tenants in June or July. The houses behind the Rose & Crown are now finished and we look forward to families moving in.

A new defibrillator has been installed at the Village Hall and is up and running and registered on the circuit. A second one will be ordered and installed in Raydaleside. Thanks to Councillor Yvonne Peacock, Dales Rally, Tapass Society, and Lords of the Manor who all contributed towards the costs.

The Playpark in the village is always popular and it's nice to see families enjoying it. Cllr. Peacock thanked the volunteers who trim it and help keep it in good order.

Cllr Peacock also thanked Sally Drayson for her colourful flowers on the Millennium Island.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2023 Meeting and any Other Issues of Concern to Residents**

None had been expressed prior to the meeting and no-one was present to put forward any concerns.

4. **Date of the Next Annual Meeting**

The next annual meeting is due to take place in May 2025 with details advised nearer the time.

Signed as a True Record

Dated