



Hempton with Pudding Norton & Testerton Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 17 May 2023, 6.15pm

Parish Councillors present: Vivien Woods (Chairman), Christine Haydon, Christine Warne, Terry Amos. Also in attendance:
Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk). There was 1 member of the public present.

1. Vivien Woods, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcome and Chairman's report.

The Chairman welcomed all those present.
Please see Appendix 1 for the Chairman's report.

2. Approval of Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 18 May and 9 June 2022

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

To hear from:

3. County Councillor, Tom FitzPatrick

Not present, apologies received.

4. District Councillor, Nigel Housden

Cllr Housden sent his apologies for his absence but wished to thank everyone that voted for him at the local election, as he stands for a further 4 years.

5. Other parish organisations, if attending

There were none.

6. Public opportunity for questions

The member of the public present would like to know whether the meeting between the Parish Council and Memorial Hall Committee would be discussed at tonight's meeting. It was agreed that it would be acknowledged. However it would not be discussed until all members of the Council are brought up to date on the matter. With there being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 6.33pm.

Signed: Date:

Chair's Report

Delivered to the Parish Meeting dated 17th May 2023

- Another year has passed, that seems to have just flown by
- I am very pleased, and have to say somewhat relieved, that the merger of Hempton PC and Pudding Norton and Testerton PC has now been finalised...it has been over three years since we started the process, of course interrupted by COVID-19 and all of the impacts this wrought in terms of progressing matters to a satisfactory outcome. But finally, the requisite Order has been issued by NNDC and we are now officially Hempton, ^{with} Pudding Norton and Testerton Parish Council, and this is how we shall be known going forward. We are still looking for some additional Parish Councilors to get us to the full compliment of 9
- Works on the duck pond are continuing and seem to be coming together. There remains the issue of cars driving onto the grass, together with parking. We accept that parking vehicles close to properties is essential, but we are aiming for a balance, hence the reason we are still considering some means to demarcate the green space from parking space. Any interventions that are decided upon will of course be proportionate. The pond was re-excavated last summer and over 40 tons of material was removed...this provided extra depth which should help both in respect of drying out and flooding. That said we are working with the highways rangers to find a solution to the road getting flooded when we have heavy rainfall
- We have held two celebratory parties within eleven months...the first being the Queen's Jubilee then the Coronation of King Charles the third...clearly the Queen's death came as rather a shock and was extremely sad. The Jubilee party went with a real swing, and our most recent party was marred by the weather, but in good English tradition we stayed calm and carried on...the traders who joined us did a great job and the stalwarts had fun and continued with the dancing until around 10pm...thanks too to Jason, and for those of you that don't know the landlord of The Bell, for his support in lighting the beacon and fireworks
- Christine Warne and Christine Haydon did the majority of organising and hard work in getting the event prepped, and Christine Haydon did a lot of the clearing up on Sunday morning with help from her partner Geoff, so a big, big thank you; your efforts are much appreciated.
- We were also pleased to sponsor the afternoon teas to the tune of approximately £165 (final numbers TBC), and served by members of the Memorial Hall Committee; special thanks are due to committee members, June, Doris and Carol for their tireless efforts

- We did manage to secure some funding, thank you Jodie; and we had donations from Tom Raynham and Jason...so a big thank you goes to each of them too
- The roundabout went to a Planning Committee on 27th January with a majority vote in favour. I will again repeat the PCs position on this matter...we are not against a roundabout in principle just it's size which at 40.5 metres appears to us to be completely disproportionate and its position which will mean losing approximate 30% of The Green, which has lots of attendant history
- I would like to offer congratulations to Nigel Housden on his election to the role of District Councillor for a further four year term...and we look forward to working with him
- Tom Raynham told Christine Haydon and myself, when we joined him, his team and other guests and at an evening event last Thursday evening at the estate of his plans to make Raynham the gateway into this part of the County. We very much look forward to these plans coming to fruition which offer potentially huge benefits to the immediate locality, it's residents and communities

That's it from me and thank you for listening