

West Down Annual Parish Meeting

West Down Parish Hall
Wednesday 4 May 2022 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Cllrs S Ayre (Chair), M Reeves (Vice-Chair), K Oades, S Squire, T Verney and J Robinson

Also present: 1 member of the public and Val Ford (Clerk).

Apologies/Approvals.

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Kenshole, R Drew, D Cllr M Wilkinson and C Cllr A Davis. Cllr Ayre expressed her best wishes to Cllr Drew who had been in hospital.

Cllr Ayre welcomed the member of the public and asked if they had any questions or statements.

1/22 Questions / Statements from the Public
None.

Mr Richard Watts (previous Parish Councillor) offered his assistance on any planning issues and put his name forward to stand again. There are no vacancies at this time but if any arise they will be advertised on the noticeboard as per the usual procedure. Next year (May 2023) is election time for anyone who wishes to stand.

Cllr Ayre wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Councillors, District Councillor Malcolm Wilkinson and County Councillor Andrea Davis. She also gave thanks to the community for their support over the last year.

On looking back it has been a busy year with some challenges along the way. A lot of hard work has been put in over the last year, with good team effort. Cllr Reeves has been “a rock” for which she thanked him. Councillor Ayre also thanked the Clerk who has been a tremendous help since coming into post in October 2021.

In the last year a new Parish Council Website has been set up, training has been undertaken, a Community Land Trust has been set up, there has been a Litter and Dog Bin audit, money has been received from Acorn Developments for the Parish Hall and Community Field. A new Map Case has been installed, there has been co-option of new Councillors and funding has been given to the community of over £114,000 through various grants etc.

The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m