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| **PRESENT** |  |
| **COUNCILLORS** | Bernard Clarkson (BC) |
|  | Nick Crangle (NC) |
|  | Roger Evans (Chair) |
|  | Mrs Jenny Joyce (JJ) |
|  | Mrs Lee Lee (LL) |
|  | Horace Prickett Unitary Councillor (HP) |
|  | Russell Willsmer |
|  | Mrs Karin Elder (Clerk)  |
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|  **APOLOGIES** | Cllrs Tom Conner, Mrs Pam Kettlety, Francis Morland, Mrs Viv Regler |
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| 1. | **MINUTES**The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 1 March 2021 were approved as a true record of the meeting.  |
| **2** | **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – None** |
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| **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**Welcome to the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting. This last year has been an eventful one for the Parish Council. If we thought 2020/21 was an eventful year, we certainly didn’t expect the changes coming in March 2021. Significant events in the past year were:* Lockdown continued as did meetings held remotely until a court ruling meant that decisions would need to be made at face-to-face meetings from May.
* Local council elections took place in May as did the referendum for the PC’s Neighbourhood Plan. Eleven councillors stood for Parish Council meaning no need for an election and Cllr Roger Evans duly welcomed Cllr Francis Morland on to the PC. The PC’s Neighbourhood Plan was voted in by residents with an 81% majority.
* In view of potential nervousness about regular meetings, Councillors resolved to amend standing orders to have the option to reduce meetings to bi-monthly for up to six months per year when possible.
* MP Andrew Murrison visited the parish in July to speak to local residents.
* Also in July, the council celebrated taking ownership of their allotments and the Pine Walk recreation ground.
* Speedwatch was reintroduced in November following lifting of lockdown restrictions.
* Discussions about the H2.2 Housing Site allocation continue as does PC’s participation with WC and other local councils about WC’s long term strategic housing plan.
* All planning applications have been responded to, despite the Covid restrictions, and I would like to thank the planning sub-committee for their endeavours in managing to achieve this.

Despite the various restrictions, the PC has adapted well to the challenges. I would like to thank every one of the Parish Councillors for all their work, their advice and continued support throughout the year.  **Councillor Roger Evans****Chairman** |

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| **4** | Annual Parish Meeting closed at 19:47 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**Monday, 6 March 2023 |

Signed ..................................................... Date ...........................................