

# LUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, HELD IN LUTTON VILLAGE HALL, MAIN STREET, LUTTON PE8 5EF  
ON MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

## NOTES

**PRESENT:** Councillors Chris Cowdery, Jill Eaton, Julie Lane, Mike Smurthwaite, Carrie Walsh

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Kerry Rew, Clerk; 9 members of the public

Cllr Cowdery welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **1. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 2023/24 BY THE CHAIR, CLLR CHRIS COWDERY**

Report attached.

### **2. UPDATES FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**

1. Lutton Relief in Need Charity, represented by Mr Matthew Lane, advised that the Charity is actively seeking a Clerk to take over when the present incumbent retires. This is an important role within the village, to ensure the organisation is aware of any residents who might require support. A popular use of funding is to assist with high hospital parking charges for those frequently attending for treatment or visiting family. Income is derived from the rental of three pieces of land, and funds are also donated to support the church, the village hall, and the playing field. The PCC gratefully acknowledged the contributions received.
2. The Village Hall Committee, represented by Cllr Mike Smurthwaite, expressed some concern about the declining level of bookings since Covid, despite which the Committee is in a healthy financial position. Suggestions of ways to promote the hall and encourage bookings would be welcomed. There are ongoing issues with the electrics and the heating and proposals for a solution are under discussion. There is a clear need for the matter to be resolved before the Autumn and the onset of colder weather.

### **3. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

1. Concern was raised about flooding at the Washingley crossroads and at the Billing Brook (Morborne) crossroads. As both locations are outside of North Northamptonshire, Clerk will make enquiries of Cambridgeshire County Council Highways.
2. Concern was raised about road safety and the considerable amount of water draining off the field and down the bank at Papley, particularly if the water froze. Cllr Walsh advised that she is in discussions with North Northants Council about obtaining a grit bin.
3. Mrs Joyce Evans was gratefully thanked for her contribution of forty years serving as Clerk to the Parish Council.

Cllr Cowdery closed the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:25 pm.