

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Tuesday 17th May 2021 at 7.00pm at The Round Church, Little Maplestead

Present: Cllr Piper, Cllr Holloway, Cllr Crudgington, Cllr Alton, Cllr Bates

Cty Cllr Schweir

In the Chair: Cllr Piper Clerk: Ann Harris

Members of Public: None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 15th MAY 2019
The Minutes were read and approved (No meeting was held in 2020 due to Covid Restrictions)

3. THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2020/21

The Annual Accounts were submitted by the Clerk for approval Proposed by Cllr Piper. Seconded by Cllr Holloway Approved unanimously.

4. ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21 FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Piper reviewed the past year's achievements and although these were favourable he considered that there remain four matters specific to the village that require attention. These are road drainage issues particularly in School Road; the maintenance of public footpaths by landowners, the speeding of traffic through the village and the on-going issue of the lack of safety and visibility at the A131/Collins Road junction. The Chairman and Councillors assisted by the Clerk have been addressing these matters with the relevant authorities and will continue to do so during the upcoming year.

5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

At the local level Cllr Schweir reported that the Horizon 120 (including the shopping click and collect plans) project is going well and will be extended within Witham as well as Halstead. He also reported that the ECC turnover is now £2 billion. The newly elected leader of the Council is Kevin Bentley and the targets for post Covid recovery are Renewal, Ambition (re carbon neutral) and Equality. He also mentioned that Essex Highways maintains 5,000 miles of network roads, 4,000 miles of public footpaths an trails and 120,000 street lights.

Signed By Bill Piper: Chairman. Date: