

KEYHAM PARISH/VILLAGE MEETING

Tuesday April 12th 2022 7:30pm Village Hall

MINUTES of MEETING

1. Welcome by Chairman

The Parish Chairman, Tony Johnson (TJ), welcomed c 25-30 villagers to the meeting. There were apologies from c 10 villagers.

2. Minutes of last year's Parish/Village Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes for the September 2021 meeting were on the Keyham Village Website. The Chairman assumed that those present had read those minutes and that most matters arising would be dealt with on the main agenda.

TJ reported that some **pothole repairs** had been carried out but he doubted that they would last for very long. Roads around the village were in poor repair, particularly Ingarsby Road.

Margaret Hughes (MH) reported that 17 villagers had attended the **defibrillator** training in December. Two signs had been erected to direct people to the device. Lynette Harrison was in the process of registering the device with the Ambulance Service.

3. Appointment of Chairman for the meeting and the forthcoming year

TJ was re-elected **Chairman** of the Parish Meeting unopposed and unanimously. The meeting thanked Tony for his work.

TJ was of the view that a **Secretary** was not required as the Village Website was proving useful for the dissemination of agenda, minutes and updates

4. Chairman's Report

TJ reported that access to council waste sites would now be free to DIY users but not trade users. This may go some way to alleviate the problem of **fly-tipping**.

5. Reports by Chairpersons of the following Committees

Keyham Charities

Margaret Hughes (MH) reported the following.

For those unfamiliar with Keyham Charities it comprises Keyham Relief in Need and Keyham Educational Foundation. Our assets are the 4 terraced cottages adjacent to

the Church; these generate income for Keyham Relief In Need. All cottages are occupied by what we record as 'happy' tenants. We look after them and aim to keep the cottages in which they reside in good order.

At present there are 5 Trustees; our chairman is John Stanfield. We have a vacancy to join the committee, details of the vacancy and what that role entails is in the April edition of Keyham News. Hopefully a villager will come forward.

Last year we supported a number of village classes / social events namely:

Wreath making workshop
Education on the use of the defibrillator and CPR
Keep fit classes
Ho-Down
Village Christmas Party
Pensioners Lunch which attracted a record turnout

All that social interaction aside and, more importantly, Keyham Relief in Need continues to support those villagers in financial difficulties or suffering ill health; we are usually aware of these situations but please do approach us should you know of anyone in the village who could do with our support.

Village Hall

John Hughes (JH) had nothing to report regarding the Village Hall but offered to answer any questions.

Keyham News and Village Website

JH had nothing to report regarding Keyham but asked villagers to keep supplying material and thanked regular contributors.

JH reported that since the meeting in September he had researched the village website, enhanced it and added content. A show of hands revealed that a good number of those present had visited the site and found it to be useful and of interest. He described how the site could be used to access local information in a convenient way and described the plans he had to add to the "Keyham History" section of the site. More information about the site is available in Keyham News February 2022 edition.

Conservation Committee

Samantha Hannah (SH), David Hannah and Fiona Dowsett confirmed their continued involvement with the Conservation Committee.

TJ reported that a major application had been submitted for the development of Scraftoft Lodge Farm opposite the Natural Burial Ground. He was planning to meet with the applicant and several villagers asked to attend too.

Representative of Vicar on Parochial Church Council

Hugh Henderson presented Richard Windle's report on Church matters.

The year 2021 was a year of change for All Saints Keyham. Paul and Julie Emberton moved to Cheshire and Rosie Homer finished her curacy to become chaplain to the Nottingham hospitals. At the end of the year and after 10 years as our vicar, Alison moved away to become Archdeacon of Oakham in the Peterborough diocese. We are very grateful for all the work they have done for the church in Keyham and they will be missed. We wish them all well in their new posts. Alison in particular: in addition to being the parish priest for nine churches, she was instrumental in reorganising the rural parishes to the south-east of Leicester to create a new rural deanery centred around Launde. In so doing, she provided a template which would be used subsequently by the diocese in their reorganisation now under way. Finally we sadly note the death of Brian Atkin towards the end of the year after a short illness. Well-known village croquet and bridge player and wine connoisseur, he was All Saint's treasurer for over 20 years and we acknowledge his tremendously valuable service in running the finances of our church over that period. Other grateful thanks should be given to Hugh and Christine, fellow PCC members, Claire our organist and Steve and Peter for their help with maintenance and Christmas tree provision, who together with the Flower Group have made the church look so delightful over Christmas and during the year.

Following a second lockdown as a result of the surge of Covid infections, the church reopened for Easter Day, at the beginning of April and monthly services resumed albeit with social distancing and wearing of masks and without hymns. As restrictions were relaxed we celebrated Harvest Festival in September, with produce going to the Well, our local food bank. The annual Service of Lights took place at the end of November, this time back inside the church, and £120 was collected for Macmillan. Our annual Carol Service was just before Christmas and £50 was donated to the homeless support charity, Crisis. Both services were very popular. We have now settled into a predictable routine, of monthly services with a Communion on the third Sunday of the month. The services are usually taken by either Jeff Hopewell or Phillip Norwood, both retired vicars, who have settled locally and are well known to us and much liked and we are very grateful to them. Occasionally there has been a surprise visit, by the Archdeacon of Leicester or even by Bishop Saju, the Bishop of Loughborough and again we are very grateful to them for stepping into the breach at short notice.

A new innovation has been to offer an occasional Saturday morning 'coffee in the church' and these have proved very popular. Also a very successful spring concert was held, with musicians and speakers from the village taking part. This was well attended and the proceeds of £280 were donated to Macmillan

Regarding church finances. Our overall balance looks healthy and we are pleased to be able to ensure that any collections we make during our special services and events go to other charities. This has amounted to £450 in the last year. Our outgoings for 2021 were £11,782, made up of £5,250 to pay for our proportion of the Vicar's salary and the rest to cover fabric maintenance, insurance and utilities. These increase year on year. In comparison, the income the church receives comes mainly from donations

and last year this amounted to under £4,000. As the years pass these regular donations decrease. Our main savings fund is earmarked to cover maintenance and repairs of our historic building, neither of which come cheap and, there is the 5 yearly structural inspection to come this year. However its earned interest, also supports other churches in the area and the administration costs, last year to over £1000.

Finally there is one further change this year. The Diocese of Leicester is in the process of commissioning major changes in the grouping of parishes, with a view to ensuring that each group pays for the services they get. Not every parish church in the diocese is likely to survive this review. Fortunately we are one of the few groups of parishes that do indeed fulfil that and thanks to the efforts of Alison, we have already started the process of regrouping parishes around a central hub. Because of our progress so far, we have also been chosen to pilot these changes. In order that our representations are heard and decisions about the future of our village church are made in Keyham's best interest, we need to expand our voice and this can only be done by increasing the management committee, known as the PCC by 2, in order that with Hungarton our sister church and the other parishes around Billesdon, we can obtain the right number of priests to give the service we need.

Richard Windle

Jubilee Preparations

TJ reported that an open meeting had been held in March to decide upon the celebration for the Queen's Jubilee in June. A street party was to be the main event on Saturday 4th June organised by the Keyham Entertainments Team (SH, Jude George and Estelle Ambler). More details can be found on the Keyham Village Website.

TJ reported that the bench opposite the church would be refurbished and a plaque added; two large planters would also be purchased and located in the village.

The meeting felt that the planting of a tree would be good and Edna and Richard Taylor agreed to identify a suitable variety and a suitable site in readiness for planting in the autumn.

6. Village financial details for 2021/22 and 2022/23

TJ presented the Parish Meeting finances for 2021/22 and 2022/23.

TJ reported that the reserves were in place to be used in any campaign (e.g. to fight planning applications such as the Beeby Chicken farm). The reserve had built up over a number of years having been agreed many years ago.

PARISH PRECEPT PAYMENTS 2021/22				
PARISH: KEYHAM		code to BM891ZFB0141		
Balance B/F 01.04.21				7666.91
PRECEPT REQUIREMENT 2021/22				3,128.00
BALANCE AT 01.04.21				10,794.91
DATE	SUPPLIER	AMOUNT PAID		
20.04.21	ZURICH	333.36		10,461.55
21.04.21	LRALC C6816	18.00		10,443.55
21.04.21	ALL SAINTS CHURCH 18149	500.00		9,943.55
2.06.21	LCC C0267	401.23		9,542.32
30.07.21	RICHARD BUXTON SOLICITORS	2400.00		7,142.32
12.08.21	BACS for Richard Buxton recalled per Tony 12.8.21			
	payment cancelled		2400.00	9,542.32
31.08.21	KEYHAM LANDSCAPING	260.00		9,282.32
18.11.21	AUDITING FEES 30587	48.00		9,234.32
22.12.21	ALL SAINTS CHURCH 18149	625.00		8,609.32
10.03.22	KEYHAM VILLAGE HALL	650.00		7,959.32
10.03.22	JOHN HUGHES	63.45		7,895.87
29.03.22	2commune	372.00		7,523.87
21.02.22	LCC Lighting street	534.68		6,989.19
Balance C/F				<u>£6,989.19</u>

Keyham	
1. Parish Precept Requirement of 2022/23	£
	Please Do Not Enter Pence
Allotments	
Bus Shelters	
Cemeteries	650
Community Resilience	
Election Expenses	
General Expenses	850
LRALC Subscription	18
Parish Plan Work	
Recreation Grounds	
Roadside Safety	
Street Lighting	520
Village Hall	650
Youth Provision	
Parish Web Site	400
Village Insurance	400
Audit fees	50
Other	
See attached (if you prefer to attach your budget need please enter on this row)	0
Use of Reserves (enter as a negative)	0
TOTAL BUDGET REQUIREMENT FOR 2022/23	3,538

7. New Parish Meeting Bank Account

TJ reported that Harborough DC would no longer operate a bank account for Keyham Parish Meeting. He had tried to open an account with various banks but with no success – he would continue to pursue. As an expedient and holding measure it had been agreed with the Village Hall Chairman (JH) that one of the hall's unused accounts would be used for Parish Meeting banking purposes. Both TJ and JH would be able to operate this account which would provide extra resilience.

8. Any Other Business

The resurrection of **Open Gardens and Village Croquet** post-Covid was raised by SH. JH said that he and MH would not be taking the lead on OG but would help anyone who was prepared to take over. MH reported that Croquet would probably return this year (in early September) subject to the identification of suitable venues for HQ and matches.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.