

# KEYHAM PARISH/VILLAGE MEETING

Minutes of the Parish/Village Meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Present  
Mr. Tony Johnson – Interim Chairman  
c. 25 Members of the Village

## 1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The report for the Virtual Parish Meeting 2020 can be read at Keyham Parish website.

## 2. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST YEAR'S MINUTES

Water drainage and the bridge over the brook on Snows Lane has been improved by LCC following discussions with the previous chairman.

## 3. CHAIRMAN POSITION

Having acted in recent months as Interim Chairman, Tony Johnson put his name forward for election as Village Chairman and was duly elected. There were no other nominations.

## 4. SECRETARY POSITION

The Parish Secretary position is currently vacant, anyone interested in this position and would like to find out more please contact the Chairman.

## 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The **Keyham Conservation Committee** has been reaffirmed as Fiona Dowsett and Sam and Dave Hannah.

**Maintenance and Support for our Street Lighting** has been switched to Leicestershire County Council as they still plan to utilise non LED technology. Thanks to Anna Viggers for facilitating that switch as this will save the village money that would have needed to be spent on switching to LED with the old provider.

**Parish Website** running costs are significant given the current usage. A discussion was held on whether this should continue. Dave Hannah will investigate some potential replacement technologies. John Hughes will look at what other information should be stored on the website to make it more informative. Susan Lansdale also expressed an interest in this topic and will discuss with John.

It was considered that there was a requirement for a more structured approach to the use of and training on the **Defibrillator**. John and Margaret Hughes to follow up.

Tony thanked John and Margaret on behalf of the village for their production of **Keyham News** which all agreed continued to be a very important asset to the village.

Following the success of the **Hoedown**, Estelle Ambler, Jude George and Samantha Hannah confirmed that they would be happy to organise future events starting with a party at Christmas.



## Keyham

### 1. Parish Precept Requirement of 2021/22

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Allotments	
Bus Shelters	
Cemeteries	720
Community Resilience	
Election Expenses	
General Expenses	495
LRALC Subscription	18
Parish Plan Work	
Recreation Grounds	
Roadside Safety	
Street Lighting	520
Village Hall	650
Youth Provision	
Parish Website	375
Village insurance	350
Other	
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Use of Reserves ( enter as a negative)	0
<b>TOTAL BUDGET REQUIREMENT FOR 2021/22</b>	<b>3,128</b>

## **7) REPORTS OF CHAIRPERSONS**

### **KEYHAM CHARITIES REPORT 2020**

For those unfamiliar with Keyham Charities, it comprise two charities Keyham Relief in Need, and Keyham Educational Foundation. Our key assets are the four terraced cottages adjacent to Church and the parcel of land designated as Keyham Allotments. Both assets generate income for Keyham Relief in Need. There are 6 Trustees on which it is incumbent to maintain the cottages in good order and provide affordable rental properties for those wishing to live in the village; the management of the cottages is through our lettings agency Shoulers.

I am pleased to report that all 4 cottages are currently occupied, some tenants being long standing.

During 2020 home schooling became the norm and thanks to the terms of our Educational Foundation we were able to help some of the younger members of our village purchase the technology needed to support that method of teaching. Relief In Need continues to help those in the village in financial difficulties and we encourage people to approach us should that situation arise.

In June our then Chair David Witcomb resigned due to his impending move from the village. We are very grateful to his stewardship over many years and I would like to express our thanks to David by way of this report. Subsequently we advertised for a new Trustee through Keyham News and I am pleased to welcome Eden Douglas to our board. We will be electing a new Chair in due course. Also, Bill Podesta is standing down after a number of years on the Committee; the Trustees have invited Lynette Harrison to join us as a co-opted member. Again, and by way of this report, we would like to thank Bill for his contribution to the Committee.

**Margaret Hughes (Treasurer)**

### **KEYHAM NEWS**

Mid way through each month I wonder if there will be enough material for our next edition and then we end up with around 6-9 pages. So, I needn't worry and I guess that good old Keyham News still has its place in this world of online social media. I believe it chronicles life in a small Leicestershire village in a way that social media never can.

Thank you to all of you who contribute, whether that be a regular or ad hoc basis. Special thanks to David Witcomb for his "Oddly" poems that we expect to continue for some time yet even though the Witcombs have left the village.

Please keep sending in your stuff especially your photographs; you may have noticed that we can make up a story out of virtually anything.

We hope you find our email information service useful too and found our COVID specials in 2020 helpful.

Above all, please READ IT.

**John Hughes (Joint Editor)**

## **KEYHAM VILLAGE HALL**

COVID-19 has meant that the hall has been closed for 18 months but it is now open for bookings.

Hall income has taken a big hit because of the pandemic; no Open Gardens income, no rental income etc. However, we were granted £10,000 by the government Covid fund to help us out. This has been used to cover our lost income and to make the hall COVID compliant (hand sanitisers, paper towel dispensers, soap dispensers, pedal bins etc.). The hall had a full, professional clean too.

The hall management committee has changed. Some of our long-standing members have retired. Special thanks to Elizabeth Henderson who was our secretary, key holder and booking agent for many years. New members have been signed-up and we will be holding our first AGM for over two years in the next month or so. Minutes from that meeting will be published through KN for the further information of all villagers.

**John Hughes (Chairman)**

## **REPORT OF THE CHURCHWARDENS FOR ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

We wish to thank Reverends Alison and Rosie Homer for their support and commitment, through what has been a challenging year for the church locally and nationally.

Because of Covid, All Saints was closed with the lockdown at the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, reopening for a week of supervised individual worship and a Morning Prayer service in August. A Communion service was held in September, on All Saints Day and on Easter Sunday and other services held were for Harvest Festival, a Service of Lights and a Carol Service before Christmas. The later was streamed on the internet. Congregation numbers for each of these services were high.

Despite all the difficulties keeping up with the changing constraints on church life, Alison and Rosie have kept contact with the village and supported us to their best ability. A weekly Zoom service was started for Billesdon, Hungarton, us and other churches in our benefice. These proved so popular, they have continued since.

Paul Emberton began his Curacy in Nether Hall and bowed out of All Saints. We are very grateful for his past help with services at All Saints. Covid has thwarted many of his and our efforts during the year but we wish him and Julie well in their new life in Cheshire. We are also very grateful to Jeff Hopewell, who has helped over the year.

We are very grateful to Hugh, to Brian for his treasurer skills and to the ladies of Keyham for making the church look so beautiful with their flower arrangements. Thank you to Claire for playing the organ. Finally, thanks again to Peter Gothard who again helped set up the outside lit Christmas tree near the church gate and the one in the church for Christmas.

Regarding the fabric of the Church. During the year there has been little work required on the church fabric. However, the Royal Arms painting was renovated during the year thanks to a very generous donation from Christine and Tony Hill and it looks completely transformed. The village and the church continue to enjoy excellent broadband reception using antennae on the tower roof.

Everyone is at last able to attend All Saints Church with minimal restrictions and we are able to have proper services with the singing of hymns. Baptisms, weddings and funerals can go ahead without restrictions in numbers. We have plans for a monthly communion and family service and in addition, Harvest festival was celebrated towards the end of September, All Saints Day at the beginning of November, the annual Lights Commemorative Service will take place at the end of November and there will be Christmas Carol and Christmas Day Services. We also hope to use the church for other functions.

As always everyone is welcome to come and take part. All Saints Church belongs to the village and we would like all, regardless of belief, to feel comfortable to visit it, use it and to enjoy it.

**Richard Windle (Churchwarden)**

The Chairman reported that the 2022 meeting would be in March or April.

The meeting ended at 9:00pm