

Overthorpe Parish Council

Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 10th May at 7pm in **Room 72, Chenderit School**, Archery Road, Middleton Cheney

Present: Cllr S Baylis, Cllr R Randall, Cllr P Cavanagh, Cllr G Hughes, Clerk, District Cllr R Breese, District Cllr R Herring.

In attendance: 0 members of the public.

- 1) Welcome – Cllr Baylis welcomed those present.
- 2) Chairman's report from the Parish Council (PC) – Cllr Baylis stated that it has been a quiet year. There have been a number of things the PC has been chasing with West Northants Council (WNC) as there were delays due to the changeover from KierWSP to Kier. The PC has been able to request a lower precept this year due to having obtained a grant for a new Vehicle Activated Sign so the amount budgeted for this purpose was not required from the precept.
- 3) Reports from West Northants Councillors – Cllr Rebecca Breese advised that one of the many issues that has come up at WNC is about communication and particularly in relation to Parish Councils. WNC have appointed a specific liaison officer to be the person who can speak to people within WNC on behalf of the Parish Councils. The Cllrs advised that they are still frustrated at the lack of ideas/suggestions from WNC re the spending of the £35k S106 on improving road safety in Overthorpe. Rebecca advised that the Clerk should contact Tony Bagot-Webb as he may be able to help. There are ongoing issues with potholes and lack of funding available. WNC Local Plan is now being looked at and a consultation will be coming out later in the year.

Cllr Rosie Herring does a lot of work re child services and care services. WNC are aware that they need to improve what they are offering in the way of child/social services. The Government Household Support Fund has been received and is supporting those on Free School Meals and pension credit etc. Brackley Community Hospital will have its official open day this weekend as it was opened during covid so they could not hold an open day. The Cllrs asked Cllr Herring if she could pass on any posters about the hospital that give parishioners details of how and when they should use it so the PC can share this information in the parish.

- 4) Open forum – members of the public are welcome to raise any items they wish to discuss with the parish council/other parishioners – None.

Meeting closed @ 8pm