

**DRAFT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2024,**  
**AT THE GLEBE, 7.00 p.m.**

In attendance: Cllr A Mason (Chair), 9 members of the public were present

1/18-4-24 Introduction and welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2/18-4-24 Minutes of the annual parish meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

Minutes were approved as an accurate and factual record.

3/18-4-24 Chairs report

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Mayor of East Staffordshire attended and announced the winners. It also led to an invitation for the winners and their families to have a tour of East Staffordshire Civic Chambers of the Town Hall.

The Parish was represented at the Remembrance Service that was held in Stapenhill Gardens in November which was well attended by local people and including ex service personnel.

The Christmas Lights event was held for the second year and was well attended even under zero temperatures. The highlight of the event was the members of Gresley Brass Band leading some carol singing. Refreshments were again served with some of the food donated by The Co-op, Asda, Tesco Express and The Post Office.

The first informal strategy meeting of the parish Council was held at The Grove Public House outside of opening hours. It was a chance for councillors to discuss issues and ideas for further projects outside of the structure of parish council meetings.

Throughout the year there has been planning challenges which council has made observations particularly in relation to climate change impact reduction measures on new builds and extensions to existing properties.

The Boardwalk project has not progressed but is still something the parish would like to develop and are also considering alternatives.

Over the last 12 months parish councillors Bob Bidgood and Adrian Cowan have sadly now left the parish council. We thank them for their service to the Parish Council. We also have co-opted a new member, Councillor Michael Day.

The Council agreed to raise the Precept in anticipation of increasing maintenance and running cost and new projects to be delivered during the next 12 months. In the last financial year ear marked reserves were used for some expenditure.

The parish council have further continued its work supporting the community by supporting Leander Rowing Club and Friends of Scalpcliffe woods who were successful in receiving grant funding for their respective projects. The parish council also secured a grant of £4113.08 from TTTV for The Hollows work.

Whilst the financial status of the parish council is secure, year end was closed on £45866. On a final note, I wish to thank my fellow councillors and clerk for their contribution for the last 12 months.

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A resident attended as he was concerned about the bus service.  
Diamond service for the valley was regularly late.

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