

DRAFT Minutes of Copythorne Annual Parish Meeting held at Copythorne Parish Hall on May 10th 2022 at 6.15pm.

Present as Chairman of the meeting: Cllr. Graham Chillcott – Chairman of Copythorne Parish Council

In attendance as Clerk of the meeting: Mr David Rigby – Clerk to Copythorne Parish Council

7 members of the public attended the meeting

(numbering of minutes follows the numbering of the agenda)

Pre- Commencement of the meeting

1. Arrival

Meeting

2. Introduction, welcome, apologies for absence

Cllr. Graham Chillcott introduced himself as the Chairman of Copythorne Parish Council and welcomed those present. The Clerk presented apologies on behalf of Lady Kara Hawks.

3. Approval of Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting (November 25th 2021)

The minutes of the meeting held on November 25th 2021 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Graham Chillcott.

4. Announcement of Parish Award Winner 2022

The Chairman announced that Sunny and Daisy Saini (Forest Pharmacy) had been won the Parish Council's Parish Award for 2022 for their services to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. A formal presentation of the award certificate is to be arranged. A report and photo's will be included in the Parish Council newsletter.

5. Question Session

An update on the drainage works at the top of Oakfield Road was requested. The Clerk said that he had been advised by HCC Highways that the discovery of other utilities close to the line of the drain had caused an issue and that HCC Highways was working with their contractor to resolve the issue and complete the repair. The matter is chased on a regular basis as part of the Clerk's report to the Parish Council.

Concerns over the lack of public transport options within the parish were raised. The Chair advised that the Parish Council had recently commissioned a leaflet giving details of the various options that existed. A supply of these leaflets would soon be available in the outlets that have copies of the Parish Council newsletter and Parish Councillors will also have copies to hand out. Details would also be added to the Parish Council website (www.copythorne.org.uk) shortly.

6. Close

In closing the meeting, the Chairman advised those present that members of the Parish Council would have a tent at the Family Fun Day being held as part of the parish celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Saturday June 4th 2022 (1pm to 5pm). This would be an opportunity for local residents to meet members of the Parish Council and learn more about the role of a parish councillor ahead of the elections due in May 2023.

The meeting closed at 6.32pm.