

# **SALT & ENSON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

### **Meeting Held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 8.00pm at Salt Village Hall**

Present: Chair Councillor - Barbara Clancy,  
Councillors R Walls, J Starr, C Beardmore, I Wimshurst, JD Scott, N Tonks

Clerk DW Croxford

4 members of the public.

**1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

This was agreed as a true and correct record by all present.

**2. Matters arising from those minutes (for information only)**

None.

**3. Chairman's Annual Report**

Cllr Clancy delivered her report. It appears as Appendix 1.

**4. Report from Community Speedwatch**

A report was e mailed from the Community Engagement Coordinator warmly thanking the CSW volunteers whom she believed were making a difference.

**5. Report from Salt Village Hall Management Committee**

No report was received from the Chair of the SVHMC.

**6. Report from Salt Friendship Club**

Stella Milman updated the meeting. Her report appears as Appendix 2.

**7. Report from Salt Neighbourhood Watch**

Chris Gammon updated the meeting. Her report appears as Appendix 3.

**8. Report from Salt Parochial Church Council**

Janet Stubbs updated the meeting. Her report appears as Appendix 4.

**9. Reports for County and Borough Councillors if present**

No reports were received.

**10. Questions from the floor**

None raised

**11. Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT for 2022/2023

On behalf of the Parish Council, I am pleased to welcome you to this year's Annual Parish Meeting and to announce that we have a full complement of Councillors. We were fortunate that in January Mr Nigel Tonks volunteered to be a member of the Parish Council and was co-opted in and is now a fully elected Councillor.

The highlight of the year was the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which we celebrated in June despite the weather on the day. I would like to thank everybody that was involved in organising and expediting the event with special thanks to Mr Peter Stubbs for the use of his field.

Together with the Parochial Council and the Village Hall we have just celebrated the Coronation of King Charles 111. A bring your own picnic was held in the Village Hall which was supported by 40 members of the village. A painting or drawing competition with a Coronation theme and a Treasure Hunt for Stolen Crown Jewels were a couple of activities provided to amuse the children and prizes were presented to the children who took part. The Parochial Council arranged a floral and picture exhibition in the Church which was very colourful and much appreciated.

We have finally had the potholes repaired after 18 months of battling with the County Council unfortunately we have not seen our County Councillor for nearly 2 years.

A Donation made to the Friendship Group was well utilised to give the group a day out which I am sure Mrs Millman will mention in her report. We have also purchased a new Defibrillator at the request of the Village Hall Committee which will replace the current one shortly.

This year we are having 3 Skip days by popular request 2 at the Village Hall and 1 on the Hollybush Car Park dates and times will be on the notice board.

We have supported the Village Hall with contributions towards the refurbishment which I'm sure you will all agree is magnificent.

Please be assured that we as a Council try to do our very best for the Parish and finally, I would like to thank my fellow councillors for all their help, support and advice and a special thank you to our Clerk David Croxford for his support and persistence which is greatly appreciated.



Salt + District Friendship Club meet fortnightly in the side room of the village hall. We have ten members at present. Seven of the members live alone and so appreciate the company and the chance to chat. We play bingo which is said to aid the memory. We also have tea or coffee with cake or biscuits.

Last year during the Salt hall refurbishment we met at Hopton village hall.

In 2022 we went out to lunch in March and for a Christmas meal in December. In July, on a lovely sunny day we joined a coach trip to Langollen. The trip included a railway ride and cream tea. The kind donation of the Parish Council subsidised the cost.

This year we are hoping to lunch at Oak Tree Farm at the end of May. We are looking into arranging a coach outing for later in the year. We try to find one that does not involve too much walking. We are most grateful to the Parish Council for your very generous donation this year which will help us to achieve this.

Neighbourhood Watch 2022/2023.

Many villagers are on Staffordshire Police Smart Alert which emails details of scams and incidents in the area and also the village What's App and the Salt and Sandon Facebook are extremely useful in keeping everyone up to date and watchful.

I purchased 250 Neighbourhood Watch Stickers which were distributed throughout Salt and Sandon Bank. Although this is a very small gesture, the response was extremely positive.

We are fortunate to be a low risk area but we should never be complacent.

Chris Gammon.

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### Report from Salt & Hopton PCC

The **church porch** continues to be used as a community facility for the delivery of villagers' bread from Parkside bakery & it is also the food collection point for the House of Bread, which is coordinated by Gill Mack – collected weekly.

The **Platinum Jubilee** was celebrated with a flower festival in the church, which was very well supported by villagers from Salt, Sandon Bank and Hopton, and was a great success, despite the inclement weather that weekend.

The retiring collection at the **Christmas 'Carols** at Salt' was in aid of the Ukrainian families in Stafford and raised £200.

In September (2022), the publication of **Compass** was resumed. This magazine, which reports news & events, as well as advertising much needed services across 10 villages, had been greatly missed during Covid. Its return was greatly welcome, especially by residents who do not have computers. However, it is extremely costly to produce and is struggling financially at present. (We would, therefore, welcome any donation from the Parish Council!)

As always, the PCC & Salt residents have very much appreciated the very generous donation made by the Parish Council towards the excellent upkeep by TGM of **the cemetery**, which has regular visitors.

The **new heating system** has been successfully installed in the church, so that services can now be attended whilst sitting in relative comfort. Services have resumed, with two being held at Salt each month.

The **Coronation Celebration** in Salt was held as a joint event with the Village Hall Committee and Parish Council. There was an art display by the Salt Art Group and flower arrangements in the church. An enjoyable Sunday afternoon village picnic was held in the Village Hall rather than the church grounds, due to the weather. Altogether, the weekend was a great success.

Margaret Walls: Salt & Hopton PCC secretary

Janet Stubbs: Churchwarden

*Art club used the church last weekend  
combined event.*

*- v.m. PC + church work well together -*