

BAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 @ 5.00pm

VIRTUAL BY ZOOM

Present: Cllr. Elaine Drayton – Chairman  
Cllr. Marie Whiteman - Clerk  
Cllr. Alan Rees  
Cllr. Adrian Potter  
Cllr. Peter Moran  
Cllr. John Milner

Cllr. Nigel Robbins – County Councillor for the Cirencester/Beeches Ward

**1. Apologies –** Cllr Jenny Forde District Councillor for the Churn and Chedworth Ward

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

**2. Election of Chairman**

Cllr. Elaine Drayton was elected as Chairman, proposed by Cllr. Adrian Potter, seconded by Cllr. Marie Whiteman.

**3. Election of Vice-chairman**

Cllr. Alan Rees was elected as Vice-Chairman by Cllr. Adrian Potter seconded by Cllr. John Milner

**4. Responsible Finance Officer's report**

Cllr. Potter presented the accounts. The major expenditures in the year were £312 for insurance and £1,200 paid to the Church - £1,000 for the upkeep of the Churchyard and £200 from the Parish Council to enable them to hold their meetings in the Church. The balance at the year-end was £235.

The accounts have been internally audited by Peter Davies and Cllr. Potter would like to record his thanks for his continuing help with this.

The accounts have now been signed off by the Council and will be posted on the Website.

In the current year, there has been very little movement since the year end. 75% of the new Precept has been received and a payment of £246 has been made for the insurance premium (a saving of 20% on last year). We now have £1,583 in the bank

**5. Chairman's report**

The Chairman's annual report will be attached to these minutes.

**6. Cllr. Jenny Forde – CDC ward member**

Cllr. Jenny Forde did not attend the meeting.

**7. Address by Cllr. Robbins – GCC Councillor for Cirencester/Beeches Ward which includes Baunton**

Cllr. Robbins updated the meeting on the latest numbers of Covid deaths in Gloucester which up to last week which was 579. There are two positive cases per 100,000 people in the County at the moment and that is 10 less than the week before.

Cllr. Robbins told the meeting that Gloucestershire Leaders are meeting next week to discuss a probable Government White Paper which is due in September. Talks will surround a single tier authority or two authorities covering East and West Gloucestershire. It would mean a split between Gloucester, Stroud and the Forest of Dean. The other authority would include Cheltenham, Cotswolds and Stroud.

Cllr. Robbins also told the meeting about new planning laws that will come into effect in September. It is hoped it will speed up the planning system. He is not sure how they will affect CDC and the Cotswold but the CDC Local Plan will be reviewed every three years instead of seven years.

**8 Dates of meetings 2020/21**

The dates of the meetings for 2020/21 are: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021.