

HIGHMOOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 14 May 2025 at 7.00pm at the Memorial Hall, Highmoor

Present: Councillor Richard Stacpoole (Chairman); Councillors Catherine Clarke, Sally Cray, Judi Stacpoole and James Waite.

Also Present: Theresa Goss (Clerk, Proper Officer and Responsible Financial Officer) and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** – County Councillor Ben Higgins, District Councillors Jo Robb and James Norman.
2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 3 April 2024 and Matters Arising** - The minutes were approved and duly signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.
3. **Highmoor Parish Council - Annual Report 2024/25** - The Chairman of Highmoor Parish Council, Councillor Richard Stacpoole summarised the work of the Parish Council during the year from April 2024 to date.

The report would be published on the Parish Council's web site.

Councillor Cray requested that the date for the grass cutting at The Glebe be brought forward as the grass was getting long. Councillor James Waite agreed to do some minimal grass cutting, so as not to disturb the seeds which had been recently planted. Councillor Cray would continue to complete the strimming.

A resident reported that no Asian Hornets had yet been caught in the traps. There were four traps which were being monitored in the village. The resident was continuing to engage with Satwell Estates regarding the two traps which would be located on their land.

4. **Discussion of Chairman's Report and questions from electors on the Highmoor Electoral roll, on the work of the Parish Council** – There were no questions from the electors.
5. **Parish Council Accounts 2024/2025** - The Clerk presented to the Annual Parish Meeting, the Accounts for 2024/2025. There were no questions on the accounts.

The accounts for 2024/2025 would be available on the Parish Council web site.
www.highmoorparishcouncil.gov.uk

6. **Reports from County and District Councillors** – Prior to the meeting, County Councillor Ben Higgins and District Councillors Jo Robb and James Norman had submitted their reports to the Annual Parish Meeting.

The County and District Councillors were thanked for their reports for 2024/2025 and they would be available on the Parish Council web site. www.highmoorparishcouncil.gov.uk

6. **Village Organisations – Reports were received from the following local organisations:**

- i) Highmoor Education Charity – Presented by Councillor Judi Stacpoole.
- ii) Highmoor Memorial Hall – Presented by Councillor Richard Stacpoole. There was a discussion about possible grant funding. However, given there were only three people on the Committee, it was difficult for the members to fundraise for the match funding.
- iii) Highmoor Footpaths – Submitted by Sean Clarke, Footpath Warden

- iv) Reading Lions Cricket Club – Presented by Babu Loganathan, representative of the Cricket Club. There was a discussion about the waste on the site and Mr Loganathan confirmed that these were grass cuttings, which were regularly removed from the site. There were also some branches which Councillors Richard Stacpoole and James Waite would remove.

There was also a discussion about cricket balls going over the fence into Rosewood House. However, Mr Loganathan advised that he had good communications with the residents of Rosewood House and if this was an issue, he would contact them or vice-versa. The Cricket Club would also be investing in some mobile cricket nets.

The organisations were thanked for submitting their reports and they would be available on the Parish Council web site. www.highmoorparishcouncil.gov.uk

7. **Questions from electors who were on the Highmoor electoral roll** – There were no questions.

The Chairman suggested that the schedule of hedge cutting at the Recreation Ground should be reviewed, along with giving consideration to moving the entrance to the Recreation Ground.

(Meeting closed at 7.30pm)