**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting**

**Of the Parish of Mancetter**

Minutes of the Mancetter Annual Parish Meeting held on

Wednesday 5th May 2021 commencing at 7pm using Zoom Technology

**Present:**

**Chairman** Mr T Hopkins.

**Parish Councillors** Mr H Blackburn, Mrs S Healy, Mr P Mann and Mr P Kelly.

**Parish Clerk** Mrs E Higgins.

**Assistant Finance Clerk** Mrs K Meads.

**Parishioners** 5 Parishioners attended the Annual Parish Meeting excluding Parish Councillors.

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chairman welcomed all present to the Annual Parish Meeting for 2021 being held for the first time in the history of the Council using online technology.

Apologies were received from parish councillors Mr J Arrowsmith and Mrs G Forknall. Jenny Knight from the Mancetter Walking Group and Mandy Coult from Mancetter W.I. were also unable to attend.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

Due to the worldwide pandemic the Parish Council were unable to hold their Annual meeting for the community on 28th April 2020 as planned.

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting of 30th April 2019 had been reviewed at the May 2019 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

These minutes were formally approved and signed at this meeting for the records. Due to the length of time since the last meeting, there were no matters arising.

**3. Brief update on Parish Matters** **including traffic calming and commemoration plans.**

Mr T Hopkins outlined some of the difficulties that the Council has faced in trying to drive forward solutions to the ongoing problem of speeding vehicles through the villages.

A company called Westcotec produce cameras that can be reviewed by technology and flash up the registration number of drivers exceeding the speed limit. The data can be viewed at a time that is convenient, and used to monitor the situation. The police and the county council pass responsibility between themselves and the parish council are in the middle. Borough and County Councillors are supportive as we all try to get some action for our community and sources of funding have already been identified.

On a positive note, there will be some speed monitoring taking place and plans have been approved for five sites within the parish for additional road markings including painted 30mph roundels and dragons teeth edging.

The Parish Council would like to work alongside St Peter’s Church and local groups to commemorate in June next year 70 years since the Queen’s ascension to the throne in 1952.

It would be nice to bring people together in celebration and harness the community spirit that has kept us going through the challenges and tragedies of life in lockdown.

The council is looking to plant 7 trees in the cemetery one for each decade and display planters on the Green which everyone agreed helps make the area look nice. Another idea the council had, is to catalogue the memories and experiences of local people who have met the Queen or the late Duke of Edinburgh and produce a booklet as a historical record for future generations.

**4.** There was an open forum on the agenda for people to raise any issues which due to the limited number of attendees was not required. Mr T Hopkins updated those present on the cemetery railings project, rights of way issues and the possible plans to adopt a national code of conduct for all councillors.

**5**. **The Parish Council are aiming to hold a face-to-face meeting with parishioners and community groups in September 2021, subject to coronavirus restrictions in place at the time.**