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MATHON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 7.00 PM – 4TH MAY 2022

HELD AT MATHON PARISH HALL

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs Paul Davies, Melanie Malsbury, Chris Rouse and David Baldwin (MHT)

Chairman's Annual Report to 31st March 2022

At the start of the year 2021/22 our Annual Council Meeting was the last to be held via Zoom, as all subsequent meetings were required to be held face to face. The Council agreed voluntary guidelines for these to take account of Covid restrictions prevailing at the time. These included wearing face masks, providing sanitisation and asking those present to take a lateral flow test before each meeting. Our guidelines will be updated at the next Council meeting.

Planning - the Council has looked at 9 planning applications this year, some more controversial than others. Of these - 1 was refused, 4 approved and 4 are still awaiting a decision.

Precept – in November we set our budget and precept for 2022/23. It was decided to keep the precept the same as the previous year 2021/22, and to use some of our reserves to fulfil the budget for 2022/23 which is greater than our precept.

Footpaths – the footpaths have been walked by our Footpaths Officer – Cllr Kate Perkins. We signed up to the P3 Scheme which does not provide funding but it gives us access to Herefordshire Council for the supply of gates and stiles to landowners who require them.

Maintenance - the Council pay for the upkeep of the green and other open space areas by the church and bridge. Ron Hadley does this work for us and I would like to thank him for all his hard work especially as Giga Clear were digging trenches across some of the areas.

Finally, my thanks to Diana Taylor for all her hard work, and to all the Councillors for attending meetings when they could with the ever present threat of Covid during the past year.

Public Question Time - No questions raised

Close of Meeting – the Chairman thanked all those present and closed the meeting.

