

**GALLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE KEENE HALL, GALLEYWOOD  
on THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2024**

**6.00pm – Exhibition: 7.00pm – Formal Meeting**

Formal acceptance will take place at the next Full Council Meeting

**Present:**

Councillors: Cllr R Hyland, A McQuiggan, N Paul, J Potter (Vice Chairman), C Shreeve, B Woolward

In Attendance : Admin Assistant

Public : 42

**1. Welcome by the Chairman**

Councillor Potter apologised for the absence of the Chairman of the Council, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced her fellow Councillors and staff members.

Thanks were given to the local community groups and organisations for providing their information stands. The opportunity was given to those in attendance to view the displays stands and speak with the organisations about their individual events, both before and after the meeting, explaining that this year the Annual Meeting was focusing on children and the youth services.

Thanks, were also given to the Galleywood Women's Institute for serving the refreshments, to the Parish Council and Keene Hall staff for the meeting preparations.

The Annual Report for 2023/24 had been provided at the meeting giving the opportunity for those in attendance to read.

The Parish Council have organised a Storytelling Event on 1st August, at Twitten Green together with Play in the Park on 30th July at Chelmer Park and 31st July at Jubilee Park. All three events have been sponsored by the Parish Council and are free for all to attend.

**2. Photographic Competition**

The winners of the 'My Galleywood ' Photography competition were announced and prizes together with certificates were awarded. Thanks was given to Mike Bacon and the small team of experienced members of U3A photography group who judged the competition.

**3. Guest Speakers**

- Kirstie Orton from St Michaels Junior School



- Jayne Owles from Galleywood Youth Football Club and John Gray from Galleywood Cricket Club

The Vice Chairman thanked all speakers for their talks and contributions made.

#### 4. **To receive the Annual Report for 2023/24**

The Annual Report for 2023/24 had been circulated to all households via Grapevine in the Spring term.

**RESOLVED** to accept the Annual Report for 2023/24.

#### 5. **Questions from residents**

Q1. Why does The Keene Hall not recycle?

A. Cllr Paul addressed the room as Chairman of The Keene Hall on this matter. It was explained that provisions are not in place for separate recycling and that The Keene Hall have just one bin that is emptied by the City Council. A request would be made to Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) to consult with the City Council to support this matter and recycle where possible.

**Action:** Cllr Paul and Cllr Potter to follow up on this matter

Q2. Concern over missing kerbstones on Pym's Road?

A. Cllr McQuiggan explained that there have been lots of maintenance needs in Galleywood and the focus had previously been on potholes. With effect from April 6<sup>th</sup> reports on can be made online to Highway at Essex County Council, or by contacting ECC Cllr McQuiggan directly, of all kerb stone issues. Once priorities have been established by Highways, repairs will take place within 6 to 8 weeks.

Q3. Why were the grant payments reduced in 2023/2024?

Cllr Paul explained that the Finance Committee considered the overall expenditure of the Council when reviewing the grant requests. It was unfortunate that the grants had to be reduced this year, however due to inflation costs, the committee had no choice. It was a difficult decision to make, and each member was disappointed at having to make these reductions. All grant applications were trimmed by a similar percentage, to ensure that all were treated fairly and equally.

#### 6. **Chairman's Closing Remarks**

A Parish Council surgery is held on the last Saturday of the month at 10am in the library, please take these opportunities to meet our Councillors and talk about what is going on in and around Galleywood.

Please feel free to contact the Clerk and Admin Assistant should any help or advice be required; the Council website also has a whole host of information.



Cllr Potter closed the meeting by once again thanking the speakers, Staff, and residence of Galleywood in attending the meeting, and provided further opportunity for those in attendance to come and speak with the Councillors whilst enjoying refreshments.

There being no further public business to be transacted, the meeting was closed at 7.50pm.

Signed Chairman .....

Date: .....

