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Minutes of Pulloxhill Annual Village Meeting

Date and venue: Monday 3rd May 2021 at 7pm

Via Zoom Meeting ID: **899 2066 6180** Passcode: **464712**

1. Apologies: Brian and Lind Brown, David Forrester, Hilary Parks, Paddy Schofield, Andrea McCormack, Jackie Martin, Jane Staff, Rev David Payne, Jan Clark, Jaquie Boeffler, Gill Baggott, Cherry Newton
2. Attendees Cllrs McCall, Austin, Leatherland, Prest. Cllr Jamieson, Brian Green, Carol Lockyer
3. Minutes of Previous AVM – 14th May 2019: available on website: Parish Council – Parish Council Minutes – 2019/20 – AVMminutes: accepted as a correct record
4. Submitted Reports:
 - Chairman's Report – see attached
 - Cllr Jamieson – see attached
 - Arts – see attached
 - Strollers – see attached
 - 1st Pulloxhill & Greenfield Brownie Pack – see attached
 - Rev. David Payne – see attached
 - Pulloxhill Gardeners Club – see attached
 - Monday Coffee and Lunch Club – see attached
 - Pulloxhill Village News (PVN) – see attached
 - Rushymeade – see attached
 - Shelter – see attached
 - Village Decorations and Events – see attached
 - Singers – see attached
 - Quiz Night – see attached
 - Recreation Grounds – see attached
 - Good Neighbours – see attached
 - Pulloxhill Lower School – see attached
 - Plodders – see attached

Other village organisations had been invited but no further reports had been received.

5. Open Forum: Opened 19:15

The member of the public expressed their thanks to the Parish Council for organising the AVM and for all the work that is done on behalf of village residents. They queried why the meeting was arranged over a Bank Holiday – it was explained that the legislation permitting virtual meetings expired shortly and future meetings would revert to face-to-face meetings. There is a lack of suitable venues for

potentially larger meetings (complying with COVID regulations) so a virtual meeting tonight was considered to be an appropriate compromise.

The siting of the Speed Indicating Equipment was raised – it was explained that this is a trial between Central Beds and the vendor who are paying for the trial and hence decided on the positioning. Part of the trial will be to review data collected from the equipment (to be confirmed). The equipment is to be moved after approximately 6 months to Greenfield Road where further analysis will be undertaken.

The Neighbourhood Plan was discussed as it appeared to the member of the public that its content indicated maintaining the current status quo. It was explained the purpose of the Plan was to protect the village from unrestricted development, hence its apparent maintenance of the status quo. Whilst there had been a general call for development sites, it was up to landowners to offer their land for consideration and, as none had been put forward in Pulloxhill, there were no development sites included in the Neighbourhood Plan. The Referendum was to allow residents the final opportunity of approving the document.

6. Close: 19:29