

MINUTES OF TROWELL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held at Trowell Parish Hall, Tuesday 30th April 2024, commencing at 7.30pm.

In attendance: Cynth McGann (Chair) Jane Murden (Clerk) and eight members of the parish.

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and conducted housing keeping. Apologies were received from S Bell, H Cumberpatch, S Frost, M Harvey.
2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2023 were approved as a true record of business conducted.
3. The Chair proceeded to deliver the annual report, reflecting on the parish's activities and progress over the past year. The Chair concluded by thanking fellow councillors and the Parish Clerk for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.
4. The Chair of the Events Working Party provided a summary of the events organised over the past year. The report highlighted the community events, volunteer involvement and upcoming events.
5. Several matters were raised by residents during the open forum section of the meeting. These included:
 - **St Helen's Church Tower:** Residents received a report from the Church Warden outlining the current condition of the church tower. The report detailed the extent of the necessary repair work and the significant costs involved. The Parish Council acknowledged the importance of the issue and expressed appreciation for the information shared. Any potential support or involvement from the Council will be considered in line with its remit and available resources.
 - **Council Representation:** A question was raised regarding the number of Parish Councillors who reside outside of Trowell. The Council clarified that all members meet the eligibility criteria as set out in local government legislation, and appointments are made through proper electoral or co-option procedures.
 - **Zoo Application at The Forge:** Residents raised concerns about a planning application relating to a proposed zoo at The Forge. The Council confirmed it is aware of the application and will be submitting comments as a statutory consultee. Residents were encouraged to submit their own views to the planning authority.
 - **Walkers of Trowell:** Concerns were expressed regarding the future of the Walkers of Trowell site following its closure. Residents questioned what the site might become and how any future use might impact the local area. The Council noted the concerns and will monitor any developments or planning applications related to the site.
 - **Removal of the Stage at the Parish Hall:** A resident queried the removal of the stage. The Council explained that the decision followed a review of safety, usage, and maintenance concerns. Further information is available upon request.
 - **Trees on Ilkeston Road:** Concerns were raised about the condition and safety of trees along Ilkeston Road. The Council agreed to investigate the matter and liaise with the appropriate authorities to determine if any action is required.

The Council thanked residents for their contributions and reaffirmed its commitment to addressing local concerns in a transparent and responsive manner.

6. Meeting closed at 8.22pm

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Date 20/05/2025 _____