



Ulley Parish Council

Minutes of the Ulley Annual Parish Meeting held 15 May 2019 Village Hall – 7.00 pm

Chairman – Peter Hubbard – Chairman of Ulley Parish Council.

Other councillors in attendance – Richard Steel, Richard Robson, Ian Stones and Patricia Smith.

Clerk – Andrew Towleron.

Present – 7 members of the public, Councillor David Bob Walsh and Sarah Allen (Rotherham MBC) and Janis Curran (Rotherham MBC)

1. **To receive and approve any apologies for absence** - The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies.
2. **To raise a progress report from the Parish** - The Chairman gave a report on the progress of the points raised at the last meeting. This included the seat in memorial to Andrew Mozley.

He went on to give a report on the achievement and general progress of the Parish Council for the year. He said that this had been good. Some of the key achievements were that the Recreation Ground had been transferred over to the Parish Council from Rotherham MBC and that the issues associated with the fraudulent activity of a previous clerk had been addressed. Further, while the permissive footpath was not yet in place, Halifax Estates had said that they were, in principle, support of it. He was confident that once the final legal issue had been resolved, it would go ahead. He added that the Parish Council was in a stronger financial and administrative position. A general discussion then took place on progress.

3. **To discuss any matters raised by parishioners** – A wide and diverse range of issues were raised. These included that a member of the public expressed concern about some of the potholes, as you enter the village. These are dangerous. It was added that there are still some highway safety issues around Ulley Country Park and more generally to be resolved as well as some overhanging trees and hedges. Reference was made to fly-tipping and the need for this to be addressed.

4. **To receive a report from Cllr Sarah Ann Allen Cabinet Member for Cleaner, Greener Communities at Rotherham MBC** – Cllr Allen introduced herself and her Cabinet role at Rotherham Council, the remit of which included working with parish and town councils in the district. Rotherham MBC was keen to strengthen its working relationships with local councils, and they had appointed a full-time parish liaison officer (Janice Curran, who was in attendance) to help take forward that work. Cllr Allen was in the process of visiting all the parishes and would be reporting back to Rotherham MBC on the findings of her visits. From her visits to date the main issues highlighted as concerns by parishes were a feeling of being ignored in respect of planning issues, a lack of general consultation with parishes by the principal authority and a poor relationship in certain areas between RMBC ward councillors and local councils.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Allen for coming. He added that the Parish Council's relationship with its ward members was good. A question and answer session then took place. Cllr Allen indicated that she would attend a future meeting of the Council, if required.