

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

28th APRIL 2023 at Stapleton Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs P Chick (chairman) and A Porter (vice-chairman).

Clerk to the Council: A Stretton

15 members of the public.

1. Welcome, Apologies for Absence and Introductions.

Councillors Chick welcomed all to the meeting. No apologies were received.

2. To Review, Approve and Sign the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 15th February 2023.
The minutes were noted and signed as a true record.

3. To present the Stan Pitt Community Award.

The clerk read out the list of nominees and the reasons for their nominations, which included Anthony Barber from Peckleton for his many and varied roles helping out around the village and at events; Diane Lucking from Kirkby Mallory for her going above and beyond in support of the old school room and organising events; Geoff Tomlinson from Kirkby Mallory for his voluntary work at the church in particular in connection with the church bells and the clock; Sarah and Rick Sykes from Peckleton for their contribution to village life in Peckleton specifically, initiating and organising the village bonfire in November and 'pop up pub' in the Village Hall; The schoolroom committee, Kirkby Mallory the group have taken on the management of the hall carrying out renovations, decoration and arranging celebrations for the platinum jubilee and lots of new ideas such as the advent trail, which proved very popular. Also, skittles evenings, flower arranging, afternoon teas and the micro market. The committee also got lots of support from the villagers to help with the cleaning and painting of the schoolroom in the summer. The entire committee have been instrumental in bringing back a community spirit to the village.

The winner was announced as Geoff Tomlinson and his award was presented by Dr Luke Evans, MP. Sally and Carla (Stan Pitt's daughters) also presented prizes to the finalists.

4. Chairman's Report of 2022/23.

The Chairman read a brief summary of the work of the parish council over the last 12 months.

5. Open Question/Discussion time:

This part of the meeting began with questions to Luke Evans MP first which ranged from planning control to traffic calming, local health issues, neighbourhood plans, infrastructure including bus services and internet/phone coverage. Dr Evans answered queries where possible and asked the parish councillors to bring other issues to him when needed

Further queries were raised by parishioners including flooding on Stapleton Lane, Kirkby Mallory, traffic calming including a proposal to change the right of way at the crossroads in Kirkby Mallory. The councillors present agreed to take these issues up with the necessary authorities.

6. Dates of Future Meetings

April 2024 – Annual Parish Meeting and presentation of the Stan Pitt Award.