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#### MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Southbourne on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

Present:

Southbourne Parish Councillors, Lyn Hicks (Chair) David James (Vice-Chair) Bangert, Tait, Thorne, Redman, Taylor, Green

District Councillors Tracie Bangert, Jonathan Brown

County Councillors Andrew Kerry-Bedell

Members of the public. 13

The meeting opened meeting 7.02pm

#### 1. To Approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### 2. Chairmans Introduction and Welcome and apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr. D. Riddoch, Mel Holly - Prinsted Care Home. Sam Golder - Everyone Active, Sarah Jaques - Age Concern, Maggie Haynes -Tuppeny Barns

- Invited 40 org to speak on Recovery from Covid
- 25 received 5 sent in
- Presentation 3 minutes max
- Q&A any questions raised with speakers, email Clerk for forwarding.
- All presenters email report to Clerk after meeting

#### 3.TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS.

#### 3.1 New Life Church Foundation – Esther Ellis (NLC Foundation Lead)

In March 2020, when the Coronavirus hit the UK and sent us into our first lockdown, we looked at the impact of what was needed in our local community. This then inspired

us to launch our new initiative the Love Your Neighbour campaign under the New Life Church charity.

Our mission statement is "helping those who need it the most."

We found that many people were in need of support due to having to self-isolate, losing their jobs or facing financial trouble. Every week we receive referrals from local councils, local Schools, the job centre, Social services and healthcare professionals

We started out by delivering weekly food packages, with meals and fresh produce, but we soon realised the need was greater.

So, as well as food we began to help people top up their gas and electricity during the winter months, thereby removing the decision to heat or eat.

We also give out hundreds of pounds worth of supermarket vouchers to vulnerable families through local schools, so they can buy food that we are unable to supply or school uniforms.

On average we deliver food packages and essential items to a minimum of 60-80 households a week. That's approx. 250 people per week, 1000 meals a month or 10-12,000 meals per year.

Here in the UK mental health effects 1 in 4, so we began to think as a charity how we could help. Again, through our already healthcare professionals and schools, we deliver wellbeing care hampers to individuals affected by mental health, job loss and trauma.

We have just started supporting Ukrainian Refugees and Refugees from Afghanistan with Welcome Hampers, School Uniform and Household essentials.

Our team of volunteers get involved in many different ways by contributing financially, donating non-perishable items to the food bank, volunteer their time at the food bank packing and delivering packages.

We don't just see the benefit from those we are serving, but with those who serve, this is also the story of 50 volunteers who have come together to help those who have not been so fortunate within the local and broader community.

Our goal is to continue to provide this service and support for the long term, because people have said "that they could not get through the week without our support and deliveries". So, we will be committed to meet the needs of our community, one person at a time, one family at a time.

#### 3.2 Prinsted Care Home

Apologies had been received

## 3.3 Emsworth Yacht Harbour – Report by Alison Wakelin (Managing Director) presented by Cllr James

It has been another busy year for the EYH community. Demand for berthing and boat storge has continued to be strong with a second successive summer of "staycation" and our tenant businesses are also working hard. We still have a long waiting list for berths though we wait to see how this will be impacted by the rising cost of living.

The main negatived effect of Covid-19 during 2021/22 has been on our staffing levels. As a small team, staff absences due to Covid made it hard for everyone, with most of us having to self-isolate at one time or another. We have found it generally difficult to recruit, including for our apprentice position, given the options available to machine operators. We are also not immune to the rising costs particularly for fuel and energy with an additional blow with the increase in duty on the diesel we use in our machines.

On a more positive note, we have enjoyed events with our customers, with a hog roast last summers and Christmas drinks. Our recent Easter/Eco day in April included a site litter pick and Waster chick search. We also hosted Same Rogers of Dream Sea Art for the Emsworth Art Trail. This summer we look forward to our Vintage Tea on the Platinum Jubilee weekend.

We are excited to collaborate with the University of Chichester this year, who will be assisting us with a site environmental audit. The aim is to establish a baseline for our environmental impact and look at ways in which we can improve the sustainability of our operation.

## 3.4 Southbourne Village Hall - Presented by Karen Hayes (Secretary Management Committee)

We are pleased to report that the development of our website, along with the online booking systems working well. This has increased the hall use considerably, with additional use in weekday groups and weekend bookings.

We are developing good working relationships with users and particularly the parish Council, an example of this is recently sharing the wi-fi costs together.

We are pleased that the new sound and lighting and stage curtains are shortly to be completed, this is going to make a significant difference to hall users and events. We have plans to upgrade the flooring during the summer months, we have been listening to our customers and acknowledge the current flooring is not suitable.

We are currently absorbing the additional costs of our energy bills; we will be reviewing this again in September 22.

Finally, we are pleased that the newly formed events committee have successfully put on a number of events, such as our Spring Fare and regular craft events. We are looking forward to our Jubilee event on the Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June 22. Our next big event plans are for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, in which we are planning to have a barn dance.

#### 3.5 Southbourne Men's Shed - Tim Underwood (Chairman)

#### Community Recovery Following Covid 19

We represent the Southbourne Men's Shed and we would like to think that our organization is well known in the Southbourne area. We are approaching the tenth anniversary of our group's inception. Since 2013 we have been meeting in small premises let to us by Age Concern and owned by West Sussex County Council. We built the Age Concern Second-hand Shop in order to free more space for Men's Shed activities, it allowed us to set up a small workshop.

During the years before 2020 we have been involved in many activities around Southbourne having had a presence at various fetes, like Sussex Day and the autumn fair at the sports ground where we have set up our passenger-carrying narrow-gauge railway and games tables. Bosham Primary School Summer Fair also comes to mind. We have made items for the local primary schools, Bosham, Southbourne and the Bourne Nursery all having had mud kitchens. Also our master carpenters made a story chair for Southbourne and we have made many birdboxes sharing the assembly with the children.

The whole reason for the existence of the Men's Shed is to provide a meeting place, activities and trips out mainly for men, most of whom are retired and that brings us to the situation, with Covid 19 being a permanent threat to our members, many of whom are of triple-vaccination age. Before the lockdown we had around 40 members with about 20 coming regularly, lockdown caused a total stop for us for about 18 months recommencing low-key in August 2021. Since then, around 15 people come to each meeting, this is realistically too many for our space, if 15 are there then there is very little space for any social distancing.

We have known for years that our buildings are under threat, the Council wishing to build on the site. In order to head into the future with a successful group we need more space for both socialising and our workshop, which is why we need the help of the Parish Council to support us possibly by locating a space on which to site a new Community Asset. We are the people to share in the work but we cannot do that without the space.

## 3.6 Henry Smith Charity – Report Margaret Bulbeck (Trustee) – Presented by Cllr. Thorne

I have been delivering the charity monies for the last 12 years, an activity that I enjoy as it gives me an opportunity to meet the local people of the Parish. The recipients are always very appreciative of the gift and look forward to my visits (which can sometimes take a good hour) as most do not have regular visitors.

I visited 18 homes, including a married couple, and two disabled ladies. Each recipient received £50. Age Concern were given £150 to help improve toilet facilities, and Southbourne Sea Scouts were given £100 to help with their fundraising towards sending four scouts to a Jamboree in South Korea.

#### 3.7 Bourne Community College - Yvonne Watkins (Headteacher)

#### **CURRICULUM**

We created our High expectations Charter to ensure after Covid we resumed some normality back into school with consistency amongst staff and students Reviewed our way of working with our SEN children and the way we support them

#### PREPARATION FOR OFSTED

Last inspection was June 2016 Latest inspection November 2021 Outcomes reflected our self-evaluation. All 'Good' and on the way to 'Outstanding'

#### **OUT OF CLASS LEARNING**

We ensured many of our activities resumed and we produced our delayed school production of Bugsy After school activities resumed with many clubs /revision / homework clubs London trip for Yr 7s for 90 children Ski trip for Yrs 7 8 10 11 for 84 children Dance shows Sports fixtures

#### **TRANSITION**

The transition process has begun for our new intake (September 2022 Yr 7)

#### ENTHUSE LAUNCH

We work closely with the primary school to forge strong curriculum links especially for STEM subjects– Science Technology Engineering and Maths. We have An Enthuse partnership with x 5 local primaries which means they come up to the College

#### MENTAL WELLBEING

Support for the whole family continuing and it is only now with GCSEs and mental health issues

#### WHOLE CHILD

With magnificent support from Tuppenny Barn, the Parish Council, the New Life Church, the new minibus service and Nikky Constable (Family Link Worker)

#### 3.8 Southbourne Club – Keith Parham (President)

The Club has been going for over one hundred years and although it is a private club anyone can join. There is a membership of approximately 450. There is a joining fee of £10.00 paid only once then there is a yearly subscription of £40.00 but for this year due to Covid it is £20.00. This will cease after March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023. Because of Covid we have received like most businesses government grants to keep the club afloat. During the pandemic some of the members and the committee redecorated and re-furbished the club.

#### What we offer members of the club

Bowls indoor and out, we have an all-weather pitch outside (6 lanes) and 2 indoor mats There are three snooker tables

Up to five dart boards where competitions for men and women's dart teams

Fully stocked bar at club prices, well below pub prices – tea and coffee can also be obtained

Members can bring guests (2 per member) but they have to pay a small admission Fee

#### What is offered to the community?

Hire of the hall including the bar for birthday, wedding receptions, baby showers and wakes etc.

The club can do presentations, an example of this is Southbourne Football Clubs, including the juniors

We also hold open days and BBQ's for the general public

The club hold music and tribute bands most weekends

There are various quizzes and quiz nights and other activities

Certain clubs hold their meetings at the club, e.g. pigeon and Morris dancing

We are well on the way to getting back to normal trade after Covid but people are still wary about coming to venues such as ours. Our aim is to encompass the club with the community and hopefully become an asset to all

# 3.9 St John's Church with West Thorney (Chairmans Report) - presented by CDC Cllr. Brown

This year has seen an exceptional effort by many, in prayer and practical ways both during the continuing COVID pandemic restrictions and then following an accident after Easter as we returned to open church worship. In the meantime, Baptisms, weddings and funerals were conducted at our chapel, St Nicholas, West Thorney.

Otherwise, House Groups, prayer meetings and services have all continued to be held, even outside, streamed, recorded and in some cases photocopied and passed around. All this has supported the praying fellowship for so many, throughout the year. Several groups have flourished since restrictions have lifted because of the tremendous care shown through these uncertain times.

We are of course overjoyed at the progress the family involved are making and continue to pray for their full recovery. It was testimony to our safeguarding diligence and governance that the subsequent HSE enquiry found no case to answer, (though the process towards compensation is in hand). In that respect it was also rewarding to see people confidently return to worship because the pandemic conditions have been so well managed by the teams.

Much of the following months were occupied with the re-ordering which was combined with the Quinquennial (five yearly) inspection due before 2022, so it was also a courageous decision to prepare the church for the future. There are still Audio Visual refinements for the church to make which would see the church reopen on a daily basis, providing a spiritual haven in uncertain times.

The Family Ministry Team took the initiative to use a local school to maintain the Family Service's momentum and I am sure the whole team have been pleased to see the growth that has been enjoyed in community and worship. The relationship with the Infants and Junior Schools is growing well and we are able to support each other in

different ways. We are pleased to be able to support the Parish Council's Jubilee Picnic in the Park

I am also encouraged that the financial position of the church has strengthened, both through the sacrificial giving of the church members and through the successful application for a grant from the Joseph Rank Foundation, led by Gill Prosser and Sue McNeill, which has granted £30000 over three years to further secure the Family Ministry Team. This in turn enables us to develop mission giving towards pre-Covid levels and prepare for other anticipated capital costs.

Finally, Matt will be leaving us this summer to take up a teaching post in Chichester. We hope the foundations laid will continue to help the parish flourish together.

#### 3.10 Bourne Community Bus – Andrew Kerry-Bedell (Project Manager)







#### Bourne Community Bus Example 60-80 min routes

www.bournebus.co.uk/timetable/

Route 2: HAV-SB-HN-SB-WB-EM-HAV-TH	Pickup time	Transit (min)
Tesco Havant	09:53	
St John's Church car park	10:02	00:09
Patricia Way bus stop	10:04	00:02
St Wilfrid's car park	10:06	00:02
Hambrook Post Office	10:08	00:02
Southbourne Tesco Express	10:13	00:05
Westbourne Square arrive	10:16	00:03
Westbourne Square depart (15 min break)	10:31	00:15
New Brighton Rd / Fairlea Rd	10:33	00:02
New Brighton Rd /Christopher Way	10:34	00:01
Emsworth High Street	10:37	00:03
Tesco Havant	10:48	00:11
Canberra Rd bus stop	11:01	00:13
Community Hub bus stop	11:02	00:01
Church Road	11:05	00:03
54 bus 10:19 from north link with Bourne bus		

Route 3: TH-EM-HAV-NB-WB-SB-HN-CHI	Pickup time	Transit (min)
Church Road	11:05	
Community Hub bus stop	11:08	00:03
Canberra Rd bus stop	11:09	00:01
Emsworth High Street	11:13	00:04
Tesco Havant	11:24	00:11
New Brighton Rd /Christopher Way	11:35	00:11
New Brighton Rd / Fairlea Rd	11:36	00:01
Westbourne Square	11:38	00:02
Southbourne Tesco Express	11:41	00:03
St John's Church car park	11:45	00:04
Patricia Way bus stop	11:47	00:02
Hambrook Post Office	11:50	00:03
Scant Road W / The Avenue	11:52	00:02
St Wilfrid's car park	11:54	00:02
Chichester County Hall	12:08	00:14

### Bourne Community Bus launch plan

June 7

- Bourne Community Bus now part of the Southbourne Community Land Trust
- £50k funding enough to run the bus for 3 years (£20k grants, 20k parishes)
- Armed Forces Covenant Grant and other grants being applied for (circa £30k)
- Routes and timings have been tested as much as possible but can still flex
- 1,000 leaflets + PR in July once bus routes have tested in the real world!
- Project manager (AKB) will manage the minibus project until end December
- Mobile friendly website with timetables and routes: <u>www.bournebus.co.uk</u>





Website <u>www.bournebus</u> Appeal for drivers, free training hope to see you on the bus!

#### 3.11 Southbourne Free Church – Marion Arkle

If you walk up the drive you will now find a refurbished Church, church hall and small meeting room. These were completed just before lockdown. We have recently put up a new sign which lets everyone know we are open for business

Since the end of lock down we have increased the use of the church hall. It is now being used by several community groups including craft club, water painting, keep fit and many more.

Covid has taken its toll on our membership but we are looking forward to the arrival of our new pastor starting in September. His name is Paul Cox and his wife Veronica and they will be living in the flat above Moores Funeral Directors and I know they hope to play a major role in the community.

Finally, we would like to invite you all to the Jubilee Community Sing Along and Cream Tea 2.30 on the 4<sup>th</sup> June at Southbourne Free Church.

# 3.12 Southbourne Infant and Junior Schools – Report Louise Partridge & Louise Gasser Infant and Junior School Headteachers Presented by Tracie Bangert School Governor

The Covid pandemic has had a considerable impact on our children's learning and wellbeing.

The impact on children's learning has been a particular challenge as it has opened up gaps in their knowledge and understanding. This has been exacerbated by the inconsistencies of learning from home. Understandable, this has been really difficult for many of our families who had to juggle working from home themselves, the isolation of lockdowns and completing he work provided by school for their children. On the return to school, staff have worked hard to assess the children's learning to identify the gaps and ensure that the teaching fulfils these. This continues and will probably do so for the foreseeable future.

The wellbeing of our children has always been a high priority in both our schools. The support provided to our children and families has increase significantly during the past two years, especially with the lack of face-to-face meetings with outside agencies. We have ensured more of our learning opportunities have focussed on the positive mental health and wellbeing of our pupils. Leaders have been mindful that their staff have worked throughout the pandemic and are working hard to support their work life balance and wellbeing as well as that of the children.

Even though schools appear to be back to "business as usual", the pandemic continues to have an impact on school life, this is evident through: staff and pupil absence, specific children needing intensive support, catch-up work, re-establishing

routines and expectations and working with outside agencies to support children and their families with long waiting lists.

It has been a pleasure to return to the structure of school life, that the children know so well and rely on for their wellbeing, learning and development. Reconnecting with our community, after periods of lockdowns and isolation, has been a huge benefit to our social and emotional needs.

#### 3.13 Southbourne Environmental Group – Lyn Davies (Co-Chair)

The main activities of the SEG during the last year were gardening for wildlife; walking locally to learn more about the wildlife there; working on environmental projects and beginning to do some gardening in the communal spaces in Southbourne.

**Gardening for wildlife initiative**. In May and June last year we distributed a garden wildlife survey to Southbourne residents and schools to learn more about resident's gardens and to inform people about how to encourage wildlife to thrive in them. Alison Baker produced a potted summary of the findings and observed 'We are really impressed with the level of enthusiasm, determination knowledge out there for wildlife gardening in our area and we hope to build on it as we are able to become more active again, so we can support each other to carry on'. To this end we hosted talks on Zoom about gardening for wildlife and organised a guided tour of Tuppenny Barn organic small holding to learn something about their methods of gardening sustainably.

<u>Wildlife walks.</u> To help people explore and appreciate their very varied local environments we held three walks. In July Sarah Hughes, Chichester District Wildlife officer led us through the Ems Wildlife corridor she is responsible for. In December Alison Baker led us along the seawall between Prinsted and Nutbourne and back through the lanes and farmland. In January Alison, Sarah and a ranger from Bird Aware Solent led a Winter Waders walk from Prinsted to Thornham. Thanks to Alison Barker and Sarah Hughes (CDC wildlife officer) who led the walks and shared their knowledge with participants.

**Working parties.** Working parties were suspended while Covid restrictions were in place, but when these were lifted they were resumed. In late winter Sarah Hughes organised three tree planting and environment improvement in the Hambrook part of the Nutbourne wildlife corridor adjacent to new housing developments. Amanda Tait encouraged hedge planting and maintenance by obtaining and distributing free tree whips from the Woodland Trust. She also restarted litter picking sessions by SEG volunteers.

**Gardening in the community**. The brambly overgrown area around the large holm oak tree near to Tescos on Stein Road was cleared by contractors for SPC and prepared for planting. Two beds were made at the front of the shop as well. Recently, volunteers from SEG planted up 'Holm Oak both areas with shrubs and perennials, and will help with the future maintenance of the site.

**Discussions and information sharing.** During meetings members draw attention to environmental problems in the area. Face to face meetings were resumed in February and were generally considered better for sharing concerns about the local environment. These included the environmental impact of new housing developments and outflow of sewage at Nutbourne into Chichester Harbour.

To document the increased activities of the group, Lyn Davies started producing a monthly newsletter in September distributed to members via email.

#### 3.14 Southbourne Surgery – Report Darren Nickerson Presented by Cllr. Taylor

#### Southbourne Surgery

In the last year the surgery has begun the process of improving access following a period of restricted access due to COVID 19. At times this has been hampered by staff absence due to COVID and the requirement for NHS staff to stay away from work until they have tested negative for two days. Our staff have remained resilient throughout this difficult time and have covered for absent colleagues, worked remotely when they are well enough and supported each other to ensure that we can remain open. At times it was touch and go!

We have continued to invest in more staff including additional GPs, nursing staff, a second paramedic and further administrative support including a further three receptionists. We have also recently employed a Physicians Associate (PA) which is a new clinical role and one that offers exciting opportunities to increase our capacity within the surgery. Our PA is currently involved in carrying out NHS Health Checks, managing hypertension and working alongside our duty team who manage urgent on the day requests.

As you may have already read on our website, Dr Smith, decided to step down from being a partner after 28 years of great service to the surgery and its patients. Fortunately, he decided that he was too young to retire altogether and he continues to work at the surgery as a salaried GP.

We are extremely grateful to all of the patients who continue to send in small gifts of chocolate, fruit and the occasional flower arrangement. Our nursing team particularly liked a card from a local nursery which they received on International Nursing Day.

We appreciate the difficulties that everyone has experienced during the pandemic and the changes that have come as a result of different ways of working. We are grateful for all the kind comments and helpful feedback that we receive as we use this to identify how we can improve further.

We continue to work to resolve these difficulties and improve our service as a result.

Thank you to the local community for your ongoing support and understanding.

#### 3.15 Tuppenny Barn – Report Maggie Haynes (CEO) – Presented by Cllr. Bangert

As the year progressed and some restrictions were lifted, we were able to start preparing for a time when we could welcome back schools and visitors to Tuppenny Barn.

Towards the end of the year we started planning for the most important project at Tuppenny Barn since the building of the education centre. 'Transforming Tuppenny' involves building a permanent shop and community cafe, offering work experience and training for vulnerable adults, additional capacity to increase school visits and space to extend social and therapeutic horticulture programmes.

The pandemic has given us the impetus to make sure we are serving our local community and I believe we have proved effectively that we are an organisation that can meet these needs.

In the longer term, it has given us the desire to make sure our charitable objectives meet the needs of those individuals that require help.

So there have been many positives to come out of a huge, unexpected negative and it has given me a great deal of confidence for our future. I am so grateful to the core members of the Tuppenny community for their continued support during these anxious times. We have an amazing team of staff and volunteers who keep the charity going by being flexible in their roles to meet the demands of the many challenges we face.

We are also indebted to our donors, local organisations, businesses and community groups for their support as we move towards the next phase in the development of Tuppenny Barn to secure a more productive and sustainable future backed by the invaluable assistance from our staff and volunteers, donors, local organisations and community groups. As ever, we are extremely thankful for the support and continuing cooperation we have received during these testing times as we enter the next stage of our Charity's journey.

## 3.16 Southbourne Lions – Report Patricia Gunstone Club Secretary – Presented by Cllr. Tait

We resumed our monthly meetings at Bosham Village Hall in August. Two new members joined us in March and membership now stands at 23.

Our main source of income has been the Carol Float's annual tour of the villages in our area. We published our itinerary so that residents would know when to expect us and once again people came out to see us. With four static collections (at Southbourne Farm Shop, Stansted Garden Centre and twice in Emsworth Square) we collected just over £3800.

We have sold bric-a-brac and bools at Tabletop Sales in Westbourne and Southbourne and at Emsworth Show. Emsworth Concert Band invited us to provide refreshments and tale a bucker collection at their Christmas Concert and the Friend of Old Bridge Meadow, Stanley Gibbons Stamp Auctioneers continue to send us generous donations.

Donations have been made primarily to the local community but also to requests from Lions Club International e.g., to help fund medical research; to buy balls with bells inside so that visibility impaired/blind young people can play football; to support the Air Ambulance and towards humanitarian aid around the world.

At Christmas, as in previous years, we liaised with the head teachers and donated  $\pounds 60$ . Tesco's vouchers to 21 vulnerable families. This time it was the turn of Chidham, Compton, Funtington and Westbourne Schools.

Aware of the National concerns for the well-being of children and young people we successfully applied to the Co-operative Society for funding to do something for them. So far, in liaison with The Bourne Community College, we have funded a day out at the CYE Activities Centre for 20 Young Carers and an outing to "Tenpin Chichester" for a smaller group of older students. Another day out is being planned. We also organised a Basic First Aid Course for members of Bosham Youth Club.

Details of the Lions SE District Poster for Peace Competition were sent to the primary schools in our area and entries were received from Chidham and Southbourne Juniors. A local artist judged the artwork, prizes were awarded and both schools received £E100 to buy craft materials, The winning entries were then entered into the District competition and we were delighted that a pupil from Chidham School won 3rrd prize.

This month we have made donations toward Southbourne's new Toddlers Group and Under-15 football team's request for new kits.

As part of the Lion's commitment to give service, a few Lions have given practical assistance to The Hamblin Trust and the Bosham Hedge Project. In March we collected for Marie Curie outside the Co-op and Tesco's store in Southbourne.

We would like to thank everyone who supports us whether by permitting us to collect at their premises; buy donating raffle prizes and especially by giving generously to our funds.

New members always welcome! www.southbournelions.org.uk

#### 3.17 Southbourne Women's Institute – Mo Grummitt (President)

In January 2021 we held our first Committee Meeting by Zoom. Our first Monthly meeting by zoom followed soon after with 15 members attending. We followed up with a speaker for the first time in February, welcoming a local author Vivienne Morgan who was obliging enough not to charge us for this.

Our subsequently monthly meetings welcomed more of our members as they learnt to tackle the technology. Our own Christine Bury gave a historical talk on Jane Austen's brothers. Our first face to face but socially distanced meeting was in July with 22 of our members, this was 18 months after Lockdown, and then our Strawberry Tea party in August where we were pleased to welcome 7 visitors some of whom have since joined us.

We started making plans to plant a Jubilee tree in the grounds of the Village Hall.

In September we met in the Free Church Hall for an excellent session with Dr. Brian Heard who spoke about his time with Prince Philip, organising the then new Duke of Edinburgh' Award scheme.

We planted a White Beam tree in November and were pleased that so many people turned up to support us.

Throughout most of lockdown our members have baked food for the needy I our area in coordination with Tuppeny Barn, and continued to provide Christmas boxes. We have a strong book group and Craft group, both of which continued through lockdowns by zoom, and our membership has now increased from below 30 to 37 members.

We plan visits to cinema and Theatre and have monthly morning coffee meet ups hoping to choose a different venue each time – and there are many locally.

#### 3.18 Everyone Active – Sam Golder (Manager)

# EVERYONE

Bourne Community Leisure Centre



### **Annual Report**

- Our membership base is still 35% lower than it was precovid but we are recovering.
- Our clubs have all returned and our OSSKA Karate clubin particular hasgrown massively and now use thecentre 3 times a week (compared to 2 precovid). They are also running events in oußportshall.



EVERYONE

# How have we helped the local community?

- We have continued our fantastic partnership with Bourne community college and have provided PE provisions with the options for after school activities.
- Our GP Exercise referral scheme is growing due to partnerships we have built with the local doctors surgeries, we are offering exercise to everyone.
- We have hosted 6 NHS Blood donation sessions in the last 12 months.



#### EVERYONE

### New Initiative

We have partnered with Parkinson's UK to offer FREE exercise and memberships to those living with Parkinson's.

For more information or to set this up please visit:

www.everyoneactive.com/parkinsons





We are now offering complimentary memberships for people living with Parkinson's. Free membership will be given to carers to provide support if needed.



## What's next?

- Our sports development team are providing memberships and support for Rough sleepers in the district.
- We will be offering free memberships to Ukranian refugees
- In September we will be holding a Free Open day, the date will be confirmed shortly.

If you have any questions about this presentation or thecentre please don't hesitate to email: samgolder@everyoneactive.com

EVERYONE



## 3.19 Green Roots Nursery and Pre-school – Report Gemma and Harry Lawson Presented by Cllr. Hicks

I am sorry we are not able to join you this evening and would like to thank you for the opportunity to send a report.

Throughout the pandemic we have continued to provide childcare and employment to the local community. It has been challenging to keep up with the constant changes to the Government guidelines however, we have continued to provide the nurturing and educational environment for the children in our care, support and guidance for their families and secure employment for our team. We have adhered to the highest health and safety measures to minimise the risk of Covid-19 being transmitted in the nursery. When we have had positive cases our team and families have been fully supportive and responded appropriately.

We are enjoying the restrictions being eased and look forward to offering more activities for the children and their families to take part in. We welcome volunteers from our local community to be part of Green Roots and to take part in activities such as gardening or reading stories with the children. We also look forward to returning to have regular outings with the Pre-school children into our community, such as visiting the Farm shop, Library and Dentist. We look forward to holding more events for parents at St Johns Church as our Starting School information evening was well received from those who attended. This year as usual we have a large number of children joining Southbourne infants' school in September and we look forward to working with them to ensure the children have a smooth and positive start at school.

# 3.20 Southbourne Age Concern– Report from Sarah Jaques (Trustee) presented by Karen Hayes (Secretary and Trustee)

We are pleased to say that Southbourne Age Concern were able to reopen its doors in July 2021, thanks to all our hardworking volunteers who have rallied around and supported our organisation, in particular our members. Throughout the pandemic we have worked hard in making some major changes and upgrades to the building ready for our reopening, such as new doors, chairs and curtains, as well as refurbishing the kitchen and toilets. We are currently doing some major clearance on our garden, this is work in progress.

We have recently had a surprise visit from the Food Hygiene inspection and pleased to announce we received a level 5.

At times we have struggled with volunteer cooks, and have been quite inventive on managing this, to getting a fish and chip van in, to going out to lunch. However, we are hopeful that this is going to change with the start of a new volunteer cook.

Sadly, we have lost a few of our members through Covid 19 and more recently, however we are about to launch a new campaign to increase our membership.

Finally, we would like to install a defibrillator at the Age Concern building for the community, we will be applying for support to fund this through charity grants, as well as approaching the Parish Council.

## 3.21 Chichester District Councillor, Southbourne Ward Report Cllrs. Tracie Bangert & Jonathan Brown – presented Cllr. Bangert

The past year has been very busy for Chichester District Council and for us as individual councillors. While in some respects recovery from Covid-19 pandemic has meant new life, new investment and new opportunities, for others it has meant picking up as before, soldering on or even struggling to keep going in changed circumstances.

#### **Communities**

The communities and Housing Recovery Group, of which I was a member, oversaw the excellent work of officers during lockdown in looking after the homeless of the District. The Rough Sleeper Outreach Team received and award for their work supporting vulnerable people during the pandemic and the Council opened 17 new properties to provide temporary accommodation at Freeland Close in Chichester

My work with the Civilian Military Partnership, working with Andrew Kerry- Bedell on the logistics and funding for the Bourne Community Bus project is bearing fruit. This scheme received a lot of support from the CMP due to the importance of combating loneliness and isolation on the Thorney base.

After much to-ing and fro-ing, Hyde Housing eventually cleared a lot of building rubble at Bramley Gardens, ensuring that no hedgehogs were harmed, and resolving an eyesore that has been problem for a decade. Plans are in place to plant new trees at the site.

CDC has played a role in preparing for and supporting both Afghan and Ukrainian refugees, typically involving identifying suitable housing and safeguarding work for volunteers and refugees. I organised a Benefit Concert for Ukraine. Thanks to all those who helped. Eighty people attended and over £1,700 was raised for the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) and a local charity, Children on the Edge.

On behalf of residents at Slipper Road Caravan Park and with the help of the Licencing Officer, I have been able to help get improvements made to the management of the site.

After two and a half years of working to relieve flooding at Parham Place, money has finally been allocated from Operation Watershed and works to improve drainage can begin.

#### Infrastructure & Economic Recovery

This year I took over as Vice Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. We have had some very interesting meeting in which we robustly questioned representatives of Southern Water and of the Chichester Alliance of Medical Practices (CHAMP) on the lack of GP provision.

We were pleased to welcome the infrastructure Business Plan allocation of £450,000 to expand Southbourne GP Surgery to accommodate our growing population.

I worked with Cllr. Andrew Kerry-Bedell to make recommendation to the consultation on proposals for the Chichester to Emsworth cycle route (ChEmRoute), objecting to th numerous severe flaws. Jonathan lead the argument on the District Council's Environment Panel which led to the Cabinet changing its recommendation.

Jonathan helped get two really important budget amendments passed at Full Council with near unanimous support. The first calls for the employment of a Landscape Officer (to proactively plan to retail and improve local habitats and help enforcement) and a Sustainable Growth Officer (to bring more money to the area to assist with transitioning to a lower carbon economy to create jobs and help local organisations meet climate emergency goals).

#### **Environment, Planning Policy and Climate Change**

In July CDC voted not to proceed with the Local Plan's centrally imposed housing target. This is because of the impossibility of the A27 accommodating the proposed level of growth without significant and unidentified funding for major infrastructure works.

While our proposals to commission feasibility studies for Jonathan's cycle routes in the District and to invest in more home insulation were not successful, we are pleased that  $\pounds 575,000$  has been allocated from CIL money to be spent on wildlife corridors.

We have both supported the work of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, which Jonathan Chair's. Over the past year this has protected Southbourne from a flood of speculative development.

#### **Building Links**

Over the last year one or both of us have had meetings with Chichester University< the Students Union, Chichester College, local schools, the Novium, Save Our Coast Alliance (SOSCA), rangers from Bird Aware Solent, Peter Pond, Chichester Eco Festival, directors of local horticultural businesses, campaigners vs methane venting at Singleton, managers responsible for safety at Southbourne Railway Station, the Lord-Lieutenant of West Suses, Thornham Watse Water Treatment Works, Glebe House and Sussex Police

A busy but rewarding year and we would like to thank Lyn Hicks and the Parish Council for all their ongoing support.

#### 3.22 Thorney Island Community School – Peter Lovell (Governor)

While the worst effects of Covid are now hopefully behind us, the pandemic has left its own version of "Long Covid" on the development of young children and their education. Two years of lock-downs and self-isolation saw some children miss up to 75% of inschool teaching. Some also experienced illness or the impact of Covid on close family members. For six and seven year olds in particular this has been quite devastating not only in terms of academic progress but also developing emotionally with friendships and wider social skills.

All children have now been assessed and the gaps in learning identified. The challenge is greater due to the lack of consistency, some children responded better to home learning and received more parental support, while absences at different times due to family illness has seen children miss different parts of learning.

The impact on staff has been considerable and they have worked tirelessly. Due to the number of "key worker" parents the school remained open throughout the pandemic. Teachers had to conduct normal classes and provide home-learning, doubling their workload. In addition, there was the need to cover for those members of staff who were ill or self-isolating, with supply teachers in short supply.

The community at Thorney Island is mainly military and many on the base were called up to assist the NHS. Fortunately, we able to work collaboratively with senior officers to ensure that both the military and the school operated efficiently and we were not overwhelmed with key-workers children.

From a Governor's perspective there were few opportunities to visit the school and monitor activities. Meetings were conducted virtually with some governors only meeting each other for the first time at the end of last year.

Thankfully things have now returned to normal, or perhaps the new normal. The staff are now working hard to fill both the gaps in learning and the children's emotional development. We can now offer our rich curriculum ranging from topics such as cycling proficiency and swimming in addition to traditional academic subjects and our full range of after school clubs.

## 3.23 Thorney Island Community School – Report Jon Robinson (Senior Community Development Worker Army Welfare Service Thorny Area)

The last year or so on Thorney has been a busy time, as groups and activities restarting after the COVID restrictions and people start to spend more time outside of the house. The Army Welfare Service Community Development Worker has been working alongside the regiments and other key stakeholders to re-establish activity, with the aim of offering professional youth and community to help 'mitigate the effects of serving life'.

The onsite youth club reopened its doors as soon as it was able, and now has a regular attendance of around twenty teenagers each week. The group is design to be fun and social, but also cover wider themes such as wellbeing and informal education. The community development worker has been working in partnership with Bourne school and offers weekly in-school mentoring and small group work for children of serving families. This has proved a great way to support our young people and has helped to build a sense of community and support amongst the young people. We have also been offering a weekly parent and toddler time, which is now starting to grow in number.

As a organisation, we rely on support of external stakeholders and volunteers. We are extremely grateful for the work that has been done on connecting Thorney with the new bus service, for the youth voice sessions run during lockdown, and for all those who have supported our service community. We are always looking for new ways to support our community, if anyone would like to volunteer or discuss partnership working, please do get in touch.

# 3.24 Southbourne Sea Scouts – Report Kate Jarvis Chair of the Group Presented by Cllr. Redman

Southbourne Sea Scouts has been as operational as the Scouting Association guidance has allowed throughout Covid. We have aimed to keep children and adults as safe as possible:

- Our many leaders have been amazing at planning sessions outside and being flexible with group size
- Neighbours have been supportive, for example, providing a field where we could erect a tent to be outdoors thank you
- A neighbour provided an outside venue for our AGM, again thank you
- Our committee is also supported by members of the community in varying roles and we are grateful for the time committed to supporting the groups.
- We have been able to improve the exterior of the building, in part, from grant funding. This has meant the building has remained waterproof
- The coffee shop is now up and running as a community resource as well as a key fundraiser for the group and thank you to all who support us

- M ay Bank Holiday weekend was Spring Bank Camp where Chichester Scout groups had a really fun weekend away with cyclo cross, building a swing, cooking cakes in a dustbin etc. This has been an annual event and so a return to normality was appreciated by all the young people participating.

#### 3.25 Southbourne Parish Council – Report Lyn Hicks (Chair)

As for many of our contributors this evening this has certainly been a challenging year for Southbourne Parish Council. Our Clerk/RFO, the JBC Clerk and Administrative Assistant left in August 2021 and with the help of locums we managed through until our new Deputy Clerk, Maria Carvajal-Neal, joined us in October and our new Clerk/RFO, Sheila Hodgson, started in November 2021. Since then they have been working tirelessly to get things sorted for us and we are sure that all residents will already be noticing significant changes and there will be further signs of recovery over the coming months.

We also had a number of Councillors who decided to stand down including longservers Robert Hayes, Jim Jennings and recently Jonathan Brown. We have welcomed new Members Phil Green, David James and Darren Riddoch who are already getting involved in various activities.

Since May 2021 the Government insisted that we start meeting face-to-face again so we have experienced heatwaves (and mosquitoes) and gales in the marquee at Tuppenny Barn but still a number of us have succumbed to Covid.

We have worked with our fellow Westbourne Councillors for a number of months to iron out issues relating to the constitution and administration of the Joint Burial Committee to make sure that residents from both parishes can bury their dead at the Westbourne Cemetery. And the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (Councillors and volunteers) have seen our Neighbourhood Plan through Regulation 16 Consultation to the Examination stage.

Preparing the Council budget for an unpredictable future - particularly in relation to energy costs (streetlights) - wasn't easy but agreement was reached in the end. We have also been working with a few resident groups (Prinsted Lane, Stein Road) and our WSCC Councillor to progress requests for improving road safety (TROs) and to undertake work to reduce flooding risk behind Parham Place.

Drop-in sessions were introduced in 2019 and then stopped during lock-down but have now restarted – the first Saturday of the month – and we are trying different venues to make them more accessible for residents. We have also assigned individual Councillors to take a particular interest in specific roads within the community with the introduction of the "Outliers" scheme.

In October we heard from Chichester District Council that our application for New Homes Bonus grant money had been successful and by now you should be seeing how these projects are being completed with the new carousel at the Recreation Ground and the landscaping outside Tesco – and there are other projects in the pipeline as we come out of Covid. We are also in the process of refurbishing the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground with costs covered by Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money.

Talking of grants, we as a Parish Council have contributed to a number of organisations represented here today including: Tuppenny Barn, Southbourne Infant and Junior School, the Bourne Community Bus, Southbourne Sea Scouts, Bourne Community College (Think Family), the new Baby and Toddler Group, Foresight, etc. We have also initiated the new Southbourne Community Awards scheme which will be presented each year and includes the Southbourne Parish Council Chairman's Award.

So, what we, in conjunction with our District and County Councilor's, are endeavoring to do is provide services for our residents which will improve the community and put Southbourne on the map. On a personal note I am pleased to have been re-elected Chair of the PC for another year. I am optimistic that now we have our team in place working hard for the common good we have an exciting future ahead of us starting with the Jubilee celebrations including the Picnic in the Park.

Finally, a big thank you to all of you who have contributed to this evening's meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm