

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

16 May 2022

CHAIR'S BRIEFING NOTES

- The Parish Council set up and part funded an Emergency Foodbank, with tremendous support from the owner of the Station House Public House. Congratulations go to the Parish Councillors involved and most importantly to the volunteers who made the venture an overwhelming success.
- Kath's Pantry had been heavily utilised by residents.
- The Parish Council set the Parish Precept with no increase to parishioners.
- Bennett Recreation Ground Sub group had been active, including the planting of trees.
- The Parish Council supported the Climate & Ecological Emergency Bill.
- The role of Litter Warden had been made permanent and David Thorne appointed.
- Remembrance Sunday ceremony was held with a substantial number of members of the public attending
- Additional CCTV cameras set up on the Sports facility.
- Continuing support from the Police.
- Audit of Accounts successfully completed.
- Christmas tree erected on Manchester Road.
- Parish Community Initiative Fund set up and various groups received financial contributions
- Continued support for Padgate Library and the Friends of Padgate Library.
- Padgate Churchyard – supported Friends of Padgate Churchyard to improve the area around the Church.
- Despite considerable opposition the Peel Hall housing development was approved
- Actively maintaining a proactive relationship with the various community groups in the parish.
- Dialogue with the owners of Kennedy Hall to bring the Hall into use or look at alternatives for its future.
- New tractor ordered.
- Parish Council requested the Borough Council to enter into a dialogue for the Asset Transfer of Fearnhead Cross Community Centre to the Parish Council.

- Introduced a specific item on the agenda for each meeting to enable the public to ask questions.
- Requested the Borough Council to carry out a Community Governance Review relating to the wards of the Parish Council.
- Bennett Recreation Ground – Family Fun Day to be held on Sunday 4 September 2022
- Sad to report the deaths of 2 stalwarts of the Parish, Mike Bromwich and Richard Robinson.
- It has been an eventful year and I wish to thank all Members and staff for their efforts in making it a memorable one

Sue Emery
Chairperson
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