

Great and Little Plumstead

P a r i s h C o u n c i l

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025 at Little Plumstead Village Hall at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Mr J Wiley (Chairman) Mr A Cawdron
Mr R Heath Mrs J Jones
Mr S Vincent Mrs L Carty
Mr G Edwards
Mr P Knowles Mr R Rice
Mrs T Scott (Clerk)

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Bullen

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 13th May 2024

Minutes of the Great & Little Plumstead Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024 at Great Plumstead Village Hall at 6.30pm were agreed and signed by the Chairman

4. MATTERS ARISING

None.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Great Plumstead Village Hall Management Committee – The bookings for the year have been steadily increasing and the regular hirers now cover most days of the week. Opening balance - £15,136.71. Income - £3,615. Expenditure - £2,413.85. Closing balance - £16,338.57.
- b. Great Plumstead Village Hall Trust – Not received
- c. Great Plumstead Fuel Allotment Charity – The trustees were able to award £1400 between 14 recipients.
- d. Little Plumstead Village Hall Management Committee – The hall is being managed by one committee member, it would be helpful to have more volunteers. Improvements to the hall which year have included mains powered fire detection system and electrical updates to fire exit locations. Hall hirings hit a new record this year but it is not believed the coming year will reach the same. The hall receives income from providing storage

facilities, recycling and renting out equipment, with 2 large wooden sheds have been acquired to further support this revenue stream. Opening balance: £59,682.42. Income - £10,986.10. Expenditure - £12,491.92. Closing balance - £58,176.60.

- e. Thorpe End Village Hall Association – The Committee declined on the basis that the Parish Council is not involved in the Village Hall.
- f. Little Plumstead Town Land Charity and Hobart's Charity – The trustees were able to award £2,600 between 26 applicants.
- g. Tree Warden – Two new TPOs have been made this year. A tree inspection and full GPS mapping of all trees owned by the Parish Council was undertaken this year. The report showed that 40 trees need works undertaken within the next 6 – 12 months.
- h. Walled Garden Community Shop/Café – The Walled Garden are celebrating their 5th anniversary this year. The committee is planning on refurbishing the café this year which will include some noise baffling to reduce the background noise during busy times. The community events continue to be incredibly successful and have allowed the Walled Garden to host free events like Woolly Wednesday etc. The committee has also enhanced their collaborative activities with the school with a very successful scarecrow trail and an open week when the whole school visited the Walled Garden to hear about what they do and participate in voluntary activities.

The Chairman thanked all the volunteers for their hard work and enthusiasm.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025

These had been circulated and were discussed in detail. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for preparing the accounts. The earmarked funds would be added to the next Balance Sheet.

7. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman thanked the Councillors and the Clerk for their hardwork over the last 12 months.

8. PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY FOR QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCILLORS

None