

Date / Time: Tuesday 12th April 2022, 8pm

Location: Rushden Village Hall

In Attendance: Linda Hill (Chair); Mark Hopley, Michelle Hopley (Clerks); Steve Jarvis (District and County Councillor); 4no. residents

Item	Description
1.0	<p>Approval of the Minutes of Rushden Parish Assembly 13th April 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of Rushden Parish Assembly 13th April 2021 were approved.
2.0	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.
3.0	<p>Report from the Parish Councillors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair, Linda Hill, presented a report detailing the key matters addressed by the Parish Council, 2021-2022. Copy of the Councillors' report attached.
4.0	<p>Report from the District and County Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Local Plan:</i> Still awaiting the Inspector's report. It is not a satisfactory situation and is delaying the process. The council is trying to address the matter with the Inspector however there does not seem to be any mechanism to resolve the issue. <i>Refuse Collections:</i> Last year there were difficulties with bin collections due to the staff availability. Collection issues have now largely been resolved. <i>Tree Planting:</i> 10,000 trees have been given away. <i>Covid Grants:</i> The District Council has been involved in the process of distributing Covid grants. <i>Caring for adults and vulnerable children:</i> The County Council's actions have included managing the increased numbers of adults and children requiring support. <i>Highways:</i> Resurfacing of the bottom of Bennetts Lane is planned for this year. 20mph speed limit – Rushden is on a council list for 20mph speed limit, but not a priority so unlikely to be actioned in the foreseeable future. Herts Lynx on-demand Bus Service – the service has proved to be successful with increasing popularity. 2no. additional buses, one of which is electric, are being added to the service this year.
5.0	<p>Rushden Manor Trust Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charles Guttridge, trustee, addressed the meeting with a report on the activities of the Trust. A few trees have fallen in the storms, and clearance is managed as much as possible by the Trust. Thanks to Rob Buky and his brother for making a bench out of fallen wood and

	<p>logging the wood for residents to help themselves to.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An ecological survey has been conducted following reported sighting of protected species. This will allow any maintenance of the Greens to be carried out in a sympathetic manner.• A couple of Wayleave Payments have been secured over the last year.• The 3no. Trustees, Charles Gutteridge (Southern Green), Steve Humphrey (Shaw Green) and Brian Littlechild (Church Green) are available should residents have any queries.
6.0	<p>Road Closures and Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2no. recent notices of road closures received for Bennetts Lane.• Steve Jarvis confirmed that in May there will be a road closure for Affinity Water and June for Openreach on Bennetts Lane.• Drainage Works on Treacle Lane not yet scheduled. Steve Jarvis will investigate when these works likely to happen.
7.0	<p>Issues which are raised by Residents attending the Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decisions on recent planning applications were raised by a resident.• Councillors continue to monitor all planning applications for Rushden that are submitted to North Herts.
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.30pm.</p>

Chair's Signature:

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