



# Minutes

## Annual Assembly of Chadwick End Parish Council

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**Held on:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 following the Annual Meeting  
**Place:** Chadwick End Village Hall

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**Present:** Cllrs Jeff Davies (Chair), Andrew Taylor (Vice Chair), Gemma Smith & Duncan Matheson  
**In attendance:** Kerry Finlayson (Parish Clerk)      **Members of the public:** 7

**59/22 WELCOME and APOLOGIES**

Councillors **received** and **accepted** apologies from Cllr Molitor who was on holiday & SMBC Cllrs Rebeiro and Pinwell.

**60/22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were **confirmed** and **signed**.  
**Proposed Cllr Davies      Seconded Cllr Taylor      All in favour**

**61/22 THE PARISH COUNCIL YEAR**

Cllrs **received** and **noted** the report from Cllr Davies (Appendix A)

**62/22 COMMUNITY REPORTS**

i. Saqib Bhatti MBE, MP

Mr Bhatti thanked the PC for inviting him along and spoke on the following:

- Phone masts and how it was incredibly hard, due to statute, to challenge these but he would be speaking to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities about planning reform
- Since taking over from Dame Caroline Spellman he had unfortunately spent more time working under COVID regulations rather than in Westminster, however enquiries had increased from around 12k to 14k per annum.
- He had been promoted to the Department of Health as a Parliamentary Secretary
- Success of the vaccination programme
- Items that would be prevalent in conversations over the coming months/years:
  - Economy
  - Hospital waiting times
  - Cost of living
  - Inflation
  - Heating
- Issues from the last meeting
  - Policing - still fighting for more resources
  - The need to maintain the police station in Solihull with a building that was fit for purpose
- Fly tipping
  - Launching a campaign in parliament and pushing for more local enforcement. Working with SMBC and DEFRA
- Green belt - the urgent need to protect it as there were already parts that were very well developed in the north of the constituency.
- Ukraine - the nation had done a great job in taking on families

Cllrs thanked Mr Bhatti for joining the meeting and asked about the following:

- Prospective motorway services and the impact on the area.  
Mr Bhatti confirmed that there were lots of caveats and nothing could happen before 2025 but it was hoped to be blocked/delayed
- Fly tipping - it would be helpful for SMBC to publish the details of those with licences for waste disposal
- Smart motorways - development had been stopped but a Member of the Public (MOP) believed that the work was still ongoing under the guise of central reservation improvements.  
Mr Bhatti stated that his understanding was that there was a moratorium on new projects but if already given they could continue
- GP services - vaccine roll out had been fantastic but there was still a shortage of face to face appointments  
Mr Bhatti advised that the government had given £250 million to get things opened up again but there was a massive shortage of GP's

ii. SMBC Cllr Diana Holl-Allen

- Congratulated Cllr Davies on his new role as Chair
- Lots of concerns about cycle tracks in Knowle
- Electric car charging

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#### **MATTERS RAISED BY THE ELECTORATE**

A MOP who was a Special Police Constable raised their concern about speeding, particularly late at night and early in the morning and commented that sometimes they were so fast that the plate couldn't even be recorded when undertaking Speedwatch. It was very clear that the reasoning of a minimum number of deaths before any action was undertaken was clearly not right. Mr Bhatti agreed and although not under his remit agreed to put pressure onto SMBC and the PCC and would attend a Speedwatch session to see the problem for himself.

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#### **TO CONSIDER CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The meeting was closed at 19.51

**Proposed Cllr Davies**

**Seconded Cllr Taylor**

**All in favour**

**Dated: 9 May 2023**

**Signed:**