



## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024  
IN THE NEW VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

**Those present:**

Cllr C Arnold (Chairman)  
+ 10 members of the public (including 5 parish councillors)

**1. Welcome from the Chairman of the Parish Council**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Minutes from the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

The minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held last year were signed and can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

**3. Matters arising/Village forum**

*Flooding*

The Chairman explained that a Flood MAG (Multi-Agency Group) has been set up by Colchester City Council, and at the first meeting the Chairman gave examples of quite severe flooding that has occurred in Great Horkesley over the last six months, and strongly recommended that someone from Essex Highways attended any future meetings. The group will now meet monthly. The Parish Council will put together a comprehensive list of areas in the parish that are prone to flooding.

*Community Event Group*

The organiser of the Great Horkesley Village Fayre invited people to attend the event.

*Money Raised by Community Groups*

Members of an afternoon tea group in the village reported that the new bench they have been raising money for will be put in place this week, at the end of Keelers Way.

They suggested that they could now raise money for a flagpole to be positioned somewhere in the village. All those present unanimously agreed that this be put on the agenda for discussion at a future meeting of the Parish Council.

*Speedwatch*

One member of the public praised the Speedwatch team for their work, but asked if data could be collected at other times of day rather than just in the morning. The Chairman

stated that Cllr Barber is working with the Parish Council, and they are hoping that a classified count will be carried out on Ivy Lodge Road, to collect data over a whole week.

*Thanks to Former Councillor*

A letter of thanks and gifts of plants were given to former Councillor, Lance Williams, for the time he dedicated to the Parish Council and, in particular, setting up the Village Hall as a working community space.

**Chairman’s Closing Remarks**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

These minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed .....  
(Parish Council Chairman)

Date .....