**PRESHUTE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** held on Monday 22nd May 2023 at the Manton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllr S Mills, Cllr J Penn, Cllr I Wroth & Cllr J Clark.

**In attendance:** Miss S Roberts (Clerk) & 3 parishioners

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr H Wroth, Cllr P Morgan & Unitary Cllr Jane Davies

1. **Vice Chairman’s review of the year**

The highlight of the year has been the Neighbourhood Plan with 88% of those voting approving the Plan. Cllr Mills expressed his thanks to Cllr Peter Morgan, Ian Mellor, and Sally Johnson for their hard work.

Flooding at Clatford has long been an issue but good progress has been made this year with the addition of some grips by Wiltshire Council Highways.

A tree has been planted to commemorate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. A tree to commemorate her passing and a tree for the King’s Coronation will be planted later in the year.

There are plans to plant a group of trees to commemorate those who lost their lives during the Covid pandemic – a group has been set up to take the project forward.

The large Ash tree at the Clatford Crossroads by the bus shelter will sadly need to be felled due to Ash dieback, the Council plans to replace the tree and are concerned at the loss of many more Ash trees in the area.

Preshute is fortunate to have many footpaths, work remains ongoing to keep them passable for all to enjoy.

Preshute were successful in persuading Wiltshire Council Highways to erect warning signage on PRES12 to alert cyclists and horse riders to the presence of the A4 immediately ahead.

Preshute have supported a proposal for a reduced speed limit of 40mph on part of Frees Avenue.

Cllr Mills thanked the Clerk for her ongoing support and guidance.

Cllr John Clark commented on the large task the Neighbourhood Plan had been and gave thanks to everyone who had been involved.

1. **Public participation**

None.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.