Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly of Heybridge Basin held on Tuesday 29th April 2025 at 06:30pm, at St George’s Community Room.

**PRESENT**

**In the Chair:** M. Hodges (Chair) **Absent:** 0

**Councillors:** R. Bryson (Vice Chair) **Apologies:** 1

 C. Edmond

 M. Hobden **District Cllrs:** N. Spenceley

 C. Swann N. Swindle

 **Public:**  9

**Officers:** G. Lake – Clerk

**It was noted that this meeting was being recorded by the Clerk.**

**24/195 Chair’s Welcome: Cllr Hodges**

The Chair welcomed all those present and explained the purpose of the Annual Parish Assembly. He also thanked everyone for attending.

**24/196 Apologies for absence.**

Cllr Sjollema

**24/197 To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd April 2024**

 **The Minutes as previously circulated were agreed and signed as a correct record.**

**24/198 Chair’s annual report: Cllr Hodges**

The Chair read his report *(Appendix 1)*

**24/199 County Councillors annual report: Cllr Durham**

 No report was received from Cllr Durham.

**24/200 District Councillors annual report: Cllrs Spenceley and Swindle**

 Cllr Spenceley read the District Councillors’ report *(Appendix 2)*

**24/201 Reports from local community groups and organisations:**

 Representatives from the following groups read a report:

1. Heybridge Basin Conservation Society – Doug Milsted
2. Community Speed watch Group – Chrys Mcpherson
3. Neighbourhood Watch - Absent
4. Friends of St Georges – Paula Abbot
5. Stitch, Knit and Natter – Paula Abbot
6. Regatta Committee – Marie Ellis
7. Heybridge Basin Sailing Association – Marion Hobden
8. Essex Waterways – Colin Edmond

**24/202 Open Forum for the public to raise any matters of interest.**

A member of the public read an email on behalf of a resident who was unable to attend. The email raised questions about the relationship between the Parish Council and the Conservation Society regarding streetscape and design matters, as well as a suggestion concerning the URC. It was agreed that the email would be forwarded to the Clerk for a formal response by the Council.

It was also noted that several emails had been received concerning a recent incident in the village. The Chair advised that these matters would be formally addressed at the Full Council meeting.

**24/203 Close**

The Chair thanked Councillors and members of the public for their attendance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 07:33pm

Provisional Date of the next Council Meeting Tuesday 20th May 2025