**HEYBRIDGE BASIN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly of Heybridge Basin held on Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 6.00pm

Present – Cllrs J. Sjollema (Chair), C. Edmond (Vice Chair), R. Bryson, M. Hodges and M. Hobden

Also present – G. Lake – Clerk, District Cllrs Nick Spenceley and Nikki Swindle and 10 members of public

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1. Chair’s Welcome: Cllr Sjollema

The Chair welcomed Councillors and members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllrs Howat and Swann were noted.

1. **To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 26th April 2022**

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

1. **Chair’s annual report: Cllr Sjollema**

The Chair read her report.

1. **To note the County Councillors report**

The report from Cllr Durham was noted.

1. Introduction to the new District Councillors

District Councillors Nick Spenceley and Nikki Swindle introduced themselves to members of the council and residents of Heybridge Basin.

1. Reports from local community groups and organisations:

a) Row 4 a Reason - Chris Oatham

b) Heybridge Basin Conservation Society - Doug Milsted

c) Heybridge Basin Sailing Association - Marion Hobden

d) Keep Britain Tidy - Richard Holland

e) Friends of St Georges - Paula Abbot

f) Stitch, Knit and Natter - Paula Abbot

g) Regatta Committee - Marie Ellis

 Representatives from each group read a report.

1. **Open Forum for the public to raise any matters of interest**

District Cllr Spenceley mentioned that they were part of the Maldon Action Climate group which looks to raise money for sustainable projects, and that they had lots of activities coming up. They meet monthly and encourage people to attend.

A member of public enquired as to whether or not public toilets were still in the pipeline for Daisy Meadow Car Park – The Clerk explained that the Council were putting an Action Plan together and this may be discussed at some point in the near future.

Another MOP raised the issue of potholes, the District Cllrs gave a brief update and the Clerk agreed to put the link to the highways reporting page on Facebook.

1. **Close**

The Chair thanked Councillors and members of the public for attending.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 06:51pm

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