

PLUMSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 22 May 2025 at 6.00 pm in Plumstead Church

Cllr Faulkner opened the meeting, welcoming all.

Attendees:

Brian Faulkner (Chair), Nick Fulford (Vice-Chair), Pip Burden, Ruth Campion-Ridge & Cherrie Woods (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: 7

1. Welcome

Cllr Faulkner opened the meeting and welcomed all attending.

2. Approve minutes of meeting held on 22nd May 2024

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record by Cllr Faulkner

3. Report from Chairman of Plumstead Parish Council

Following on from the 2024 AGM Plumstead Parish Council has met on 3 occasions for full council meetings and twice for extraordinary meetings with Cherrie Woods as our new clerk. We are grateful to Cherrie for the way she has conscientiously taken on her responsibilities.

In February of this year, we received the news of David Logan's resignation from the council due to major health issues. Very sadly David died on Saturday of last week. This council owes David a huge debt of gratitude especially for the long hours he spent faithfully seeking to make sense and resolve past financial issues. This council's assets are now held by the online 'Unity Trust Bank' With two accounts, a current account, and an instant access account for the funding of major projects

The regular cutting of grass around the Pond, and the yearly cutting of the wildflower meadow has been achieved using the same contractors.

Under Steve Price's direction, a group of volunteers has continued to cut the grass of the flagpole garden and part of the churchyard. Their work is deeply appreciated. The mower has received its annual service.

The Council is grateful to Nick Coulson for the repainting of the village shed and for a variety of practical assistance during the year.

The Council is grateful to Mike Ray Jones who is responsible for the flying of the flag on National days of celebration, and to mark parishioner's birthdays.

There have been no new planning applications received by the council this year.

Nick Fulford and Brian Faulkner carried out an annual inspection of the Councils parish assets in February of this year.

The Stody Estate has acknowledged damage caused by one of its vehicles at Stocks junction earlier this year, but it is awaiting the end of the current dry spell in order to make good its repair.

4. Resident's comments & questions

An update was given concerning church improvements to include a possible community space which would involve moving the font and some pews. A revised quotation is expected from the

builders in June to include additional pews. Fundraising would continue in order for these plans to continue.

Concern was raised by a member of the public regarding speeding in the area, particularly Church Street and Cherry Tree Road. The roads are small, narrow and no pavements mean there is no 'quick escape' for residents causing major safety concerns. District Councillor Callum Ringer was present at the meeting and was able to provide thoughts on speeding following his observation in the village. He had continued to chase previous speeding data which would provide a helpful insight however unfortunately this data is still outstanding. Callum will be attending the upcoming police neighbourhood meeting to voice concerns. He also suggested exploring improvements to signage which may grow speed awareness and encouraged the Parish Councils input.

Meeting closed at 6.33pm

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