

MINUTES OF THE NEWBOTTLE AND CHARLTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14 APRIL 2025 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, CHARLTON AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Councillors Michael Loggin (Chairman) and Councillor Linda Baker.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer), West Northants Unity Councillors Rebecca Breese and Rosie Herring.

APOLOGIES: Lady Deborah Hayter.

1/25 MINUTES - The minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2/25 MATTERS ARISING - There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2023.

3/25 REPORTS FROM THE WEST NORTHANTS UNITARY AUTHORITY COUNCILLORS – West Northants Unity Authority Councillor Rebecca Bresse reported on the balanced budget, the costs for adult social care and SEN. Costs on borrowings had been renegotiated, and the repayments did not affect the services being provided.

Councillor Bresse gave details on her Portfolio, which included waste, recycling and climate change. WNC was also on target for net zero by 2030. There was also a new 15-year contract in place for the recycling centers, which now closed at 4pm. Councillor Breese also provided information on the changes to waste collections.

Councillor Rosie Herring reported on the budget for children's services, which had been rated good and outstanding. However, adult social care required improvement. Councillor Herring was the Portfolio Holder for Housing.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their reports.

4/25 OPEN FORUM – The Chairman advised that prior to the meeting, a report had been received from Northants Police.

The Chairman also reported on the successful revival of cricket being played in the village and it was hoped more matches would be played this summer.

Councillor Linda Baker reported that the Pre-School now had children from 1 year old and above and there had been an increase in the number of hours which the Government would be funding for parents.

5/25 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – As the Chairman of the Parish Council, Michael Loggin reported on the work of the Parish Council during 2024/2025.

The Chairman's full report would be available on the Parish Council web site.

6/25 PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2024/2025 - The Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer presented to the Annual Parish Meeting, the Parish Council accounts for 2024/2025. The figures had been subject to internal audit and gave an accurate picture of the activities of the year.

It was noted by the meeting that the Parish Council gave an annual donation to the Memorial Hall of £350 to cover the cost of the grass cutting.

The accounts were available on the Parish Council's website.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

(The meeting closed at 8.35pm)