**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF INGESTRE WITH TIXALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**on Wednesday, 17 May 2023, at 7.30pm, in Tixall Village Hall**

**Present**: Cllrs: Mr Malcolm Sindrey (Chairman), Dr Tric Parrott, Mrs Jane Tinniswood and Mr Keith Palmer representing Tixall. Mrs Sue Haenelt (Vice Chairman) and Mr David Lees representing Ingestre.

Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting, it was noted that no apologies had been received.

7 members of the public attended the meeting.

Chairman delivered his Annual Report – which is attached as **Appendix A.** The Finance Report, as prepared by the Clerk/RFO was made available – attached as **Appendix B**.

Keith Palmer, Chair of the Village Hall delivered his Annual Report – which is attached as **Appendix C**.

The following question was raised:

**Q.** Where have all of the customers gone, who previously used the Village Hall?

**A.** Some have simply not resurfaced since Covid, others have gone to the Orangery.

Chairman delivered Report for Tixall Church – attached as **Appendix** **D.**

Sue Haenelt delivered Report for Ingestre Church – attached as **Appendix E.**

The following question was raised:

**Q.** Was Hansons not a fund-raising event?

**A.** Only a few people attended, event did not raise any funds. 2 events were held in the Parish and the majority of people attended the event at Tixall Village Hall.

Chairman advised that following the success of a previous Quiz night, there will be another Quiz and Supper night taking place on 2 December 2023, in Tixall Village Hall – 10 teams of 4.

**Guest Speakers**

1. Chairman introduced our first Guest Speaker – Brad Robins, Duty Officer for Fire & Rescue Service.

Brad provided the following information about his role and responsibilities:

He is a front facing Officer for the community and will visit the community to see what help can be offered, is responsible for looking after investigations into how fires started and how they can be prevented, delivers safety briefs to the community.

Wildfire Officer for the area, covers Shugborough and Cannock Chase – ban on BBQ’s has been put in place through Environmental Health, with the support of the Police, aim is to offer advice, but can issue fines where required.

Are there any questions?

**Q.** How can use of BBQ’s be monitored?

**A.** Display posters with contact details, can call 999 and fire crew will attend if BBQ use is seen. At The Roaches and Kinver Wood, volunteers monitor area who can contact Brad if needed.

**Q.** Can fire extinguishers be refurbished by the fire service?

**A.** No, advice we give is to get out & stay out & call 999. Fire service will deal with fire, shut doors when exiting the building, all household doors will hold fire back for 30 mins. Priority is to get to a safe area.

**Q.** Do you still provide smoke alarms?

**A.** Yes, residents can request a ‘safe & well visit’. Can provide 2 smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarm and a heat alarm – all free of charge.

Chairman thanked Brad for his attendance and the information provided. Brad agreed to share details of the ‘safe & well visit’ so that the Clerk can update the community of this service via the Parish Newsheet.

1. Chairman introduced our 2nd guest speaker Aaron Chetwynd – Chairman Ingestre Orangery.

Aaron provided the following update: the Orangery was the brainchild of Gill Broadbent, who sadly passed away this week.

AGM will take place on 6.6.2023

A Jubilee party was hosted in the Orangery.

New General Manager has been appointed – Richard Goodwin, who is a great asset to the Orangery. There is an Admin/Booking Clerk – Adele, a strong team is being developed.

Encourage all to visit the garden, which is supported by volunteers.

Bookings – there are a number of commercial bookings, keen to promote weddings, well being events. Architects party on 9.6.23 – open to construction industry. 17.6.23 – picnic from 12noon, to celebrate Christopher Wren. Speaker is an expert on Wren, will be a lively and fun event. Tour by Tony Young, music.

Variation of condition of operating hours has been passed. Car park has been resurfaced. Will be restoring Apple Store, used as a Bothie.

Any Questions?

**Q.** Is the Wren celebration a free or ticketed event?

**A.** Event is being managed by Eventbrite, 50 attendees have already signed up.

**Q.** Is the length of the lease 20 or 25 yrs?

**A.** 20 yrs

**Q.** Option to extend?

**A.** I believe so.

**Q.** Weddings – are they actual weddings or receptions?

**A.** Receptions.

**Q.** Do you have a licence for marriages?

**A.** No we do not have a licence for marriages.

**OPEN FORUM**

Who looks after the stone seats?

Chairman advised that he did and that he believes they are owned by SCC as they are located on highway land. The seats are listed.

There were no further questions and the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.17pm

Refreshments were enjoyed by attendees.