

**Minutes for the Rockcliffe Annual Parish Meeting  
held 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 via zoom**

**1. Apologies for absence**

none

**2. Present**

Cllr J Twentyman (chairman), Cllr R Park (vice chairman), Cllr G Mounsey-Heysham, Cllr H Graham, Cllr S Barbour, Cllr S Edwards, Cllr G Moss, Cllr R Percival and Mrs L Faulder (clerk)

**3. Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting held on**

No meeting held last year due to Covid 19

**4. Review of the Year**

To receive a report from Mrs J Twentyman, Chairman of the Parish Council.

**Chairman's Annual Report 2020/2021**

It is 2 years since our last Annual Parish Meeting and what 2 years this has been. When we first went into lockdown in March 2020 no one knew what was going to face us all. The Parish Council had to cancel face to face meetings, but our work continued by zoom meetings or telephone contact.

We distributed a leaflet to every house within our parish with councilor contact details offering help during lockdown, this was taken up by many parishioners, this offer is still available if needed.

**Planning**

We have seen a small number of planning applications which have been approved. We have received some more contentious planning applications to which we have submitted our concerns and objections and we will reiterate our submissions at the planning meetings in person.

These being plans to extend North West Recycling Ltd (Brampton Skips - NWRL) and the building of a new plant to recycle plastic waste into RDF to be used elsewhere for energy. An application to build 300 houses on the old 14 MU site at Harker has also been received.

**Litter**

We have completed our annual litter pick and as usual we collected more than I expected, a big thank you to all who turned up and helped. We have noticed an increase in walkers within our village and riverside areas which has brought an increase in litter and dog waste, we urge everyone to keep our parish clean and healthy by picking it up.

**Traffic**

We have concerns regarding the seemingly increase in traffic through the village including speeding and 'lost' HGV's. Following a visit from a highways officer it was agreed to move the Hespian Wood sign to a more noticeable position and place adequate signs at both ends of the village.

**Grants**

As in previous years we have supported St Mary's Church with a grant towards the upkeep of the churchyard. Rockcliffe Parish Council receives £5000 +per annum from the Blackburn Windfarm Fund and can give grants up to £1000 on projects that can benefit the community. Larger grants can be applied for by contacting CUMBRIA FOUNDATION EDUCATION FUND, available for 6<sup>th</sup> form bus travel into Carlisle. University students can apply annually for a grant to assist with study costs. Apply for Education Fund at the Cumbria Community Foundation - Blackburn Fund.

I would like to thank all my fellow Parish Councillors, City & County Councillors for their help and support. May I also thank our Clerk Lesley Faulder for her hard work, knowledge, and support.

Judith Twentyman

Chairman

5. Residents of the Parish are invited to discuss Parish matters.  
none

6. **Date of next Annual Parish Meeting** – the next meeting is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Lesley Faulder  
Clerk to Rockcliffe Parish Council