

**Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025** at the Community Pavilion, Station Road, Chinnor OX39 4PU

22 members of Public in attendance

1. **Welcome:** Parish Council Chair – Cllr. Maggie Mackenzie welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Received from Cllrs Portnall and Webb, Martin King, CGNS, County Councillors Kate Gregory & Nigel Champken-Woods, Anne Marie Lord, Marie Scott, Laretta Milligan, Linda & Alan Braun, Jane Tucker, Dee Turton and Emma Reed.
3. **Minutes: IT WAS RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were signed by the chair as a correct record
4. **Annual Report 2024/25** was presented to the meeting. Printed copies are available, and it can be downloaded from the PC website.
5. **Presentation from Pheonix Energy Community:** Bill Finnegan gave a most engaging presentation on how collaborative working can be of a real benefit to the community,
6. **Open Forum:**
  - 6.1 Concern was raised regarding the closure of St. Andrews Play Area. The chair explained that the lease with SOHA for this area had expired and council believed that their efforts should be applied to providing an improved play area at Conigre.
  - 6.2 Request for financial information regarding the precept: the clerk informed the meeting that the precept letter is no longer printed and distributed by SODC. It is available on the SODC and PC websites and has been posted on the PC noticeboards. Hard copies are available in the pavilion foyer
  - 6.3 Does the council promote diversity within its number? The council is more diverse than it has ever been. A discussion took place regarding the 3 vacancies and if anyone can advise what else can be done to encourage electors to come forward.
  - 6.4 Concern was expressed regarding the non adoption of the new developments and the ongoing problems. It was noted that generally only the entrances at new developments are adopted by the highways authority. Residents are reminded to report any problems directly to Fix my Street.

The meeting closed at 20.20hrs and residents were invited to stay for a drink and refreshments.