

OCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Assembly

The Annual Assembly of Ockley Parish Council was held at Ockley Village Hall on Monday 9 May 2022 at 7 pm.

Councillors present

Mr D Thomas Chairman
Ms A Barclay
Mr J Lee-Steere
Ms J Page
Mr B Thorne
Ms Z Ward
Mrs L Fletcher Clerk

Also present SCC/MVDC Councillor H Clack and one parishioner

1. Minutes of meeting held on 4 May 2021

This meeting had been held remotely via Zoom. The minutes had been circulated to councillors and made available on the parish council website. It was agreed that they could be signed by the Chairman.

2. Receive Chairman's Annual Report

The report had been circulated to councillors and would be put on the parish council website. Thanks to DT for preparing this full report (to be put in minute book).

3. Question time

HC congratulated DT and councillors on having a successful year during a difficult lockdown. She had enjoyed working with OPC and appreciated the work carried out; especially the progress made with the NDP. HC to send through her Annual Report for circulation. A photo was taken of councillors, Clerk and HC wearing her Chain of Office as SCC Chairman.

Further information was given to the parishioner regarding the Community Hub / Ockley School buildings. Legal hurdles could take time to overcome – initially (1800's) a Trust was set up to provide education for the poor children of Ockley. This would not cover plans for the buildings in the future. A section 554 agreement from the Secretary of State would allow the objectives of the Trust to be changed – so that the residents of Ockley could benefit from the use of the buildings, not just the poor children needing education. The Diocese at Guildford is involved and has asked for a business plan which is being prepared. Grant funding will be required (Your Fund Surrey). HC stated that core funding can be obtained for professional fees. HC to contact The Diocese to enquire whether a different approach could be made so that matters could move forward.

4. Any other business

There was nothing to discuss at this point.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30 pm.