

PARISH OF FISHBOURNE

MINUTES OF THE CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on Tuesday 12th May 2026

Courtesy of the Chairman, Mr. Ed Hopper, refreshments were provided.

Present: Cllr Ed Hopper (Chairman)
Mrs Katie Riley (Clerk)
14 members of the public

1. The Chairman welcomed the members of the public to the meeting and invited Mr Vince Carter, Tree Warden for Fishbourne, to provide his presentation on the value of forests for nature conservation, climate change mitigation and adaptation (appended to these minutes).

Questions were asked including: how beaver dams compare to those that have been engineered to slow the flow of water; comments on the amount of water trees drink and the impact they have when they are removed; how long a coppice woodland takes to develop from scrub if left to its own devices; and the value of saplings that are regularly self-seeding that could be used for educational research.

2. The Chairman presented his Annual Report (attached to these minutes).
3. The Chairman presented Mrs. Ann Hodges with the Parish Award in grateful recognition for her contribution to Spruce Up days, valued attendance at the coffee mornings, and instigation of the monthly parish walk.
4. The Chairman invited residents to raise any matters of their choice:
 - The septic tank outside Quarr Abbey Café was reported as smelling again which would need referring to Father Gregory (Clerk to action).
 - A third in a series of cars dumped on Ashlake Farm Lane, which having been reported to Island Roads, will now be raised with IW Cllr Ian Dore.
 - Bicycles dumped in various locations (Clerk to refer to the Environment Officer).

The Chairman thanked the members of public for attending and closed the meeting at 8.02pm.