



# Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of Rugeley Annual Parish Assembly held at the Rugeley Town Council Offices  
6.45pm Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

P Ansell	A Cooney
R Dipple	C Green (Vice Chair)
I Hodgson	C Martin
I Pyke	N Stanley (Chair)

Also Present: H Goodreid (Town Clerk)

Min No	Item	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
1.1	The Chair of Rugeley Town Council, Cllr Neil Stanley, welcomed all to the meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b>To consider the details of the Community Conference on Mindfulness and Sport being held online on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
2.1	The Town Clerk informed the meeting of the plans for the Community Conference. The Town Council have chosen the theme of the conference as Mindfulness and Sport.	
2.2	With the number of suicides in the local area there is a need to consider our residents mental health. The conference will look at the support that is available for those at this crisis stage, and for those in the families dealing with the effects of a loved one's suicide. In addition, with the rising cost of living, people need to know what support is out there for them and their families at this time of high stress.	
2.3	Cllr Cooney updated the meeting on the work being undertaken to bring forward the Mindfulness Garden which will be constructed in the Brook Square in the coming weeks. Bolton Landscapes will be the key contractors with Sleepers being donated by Cawarden. Discussions are still taking place around an alternative to the resin stream. A statue called 'Lonely Man' has been donated by Easter Builders will be the focal point in one of the planting beds. The young people of Rugeley and Brereton will decorate a 'cooling tower' for one of the other beds. Donations of funding are sought to enable the purchase of plants for the scheme. The community support for this project has been incredible. Cllr Cooney is to talk with the pupils at The Hart School about the	

<p>2.4</p>	<p>importance of this garden and the need for a secluded place for quiet contemplation.</p> <p>Cllr Martin talked to the group about the Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide charity which will be around at the unveiling of the garden on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. This group offer guidance and support for those affected who live in Lichfield and Rugeley and is staffed by people who have all lost loved ones through suicide.</p>	
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p>	<p><b>To hear any ideas from the community about what they would like to see the Town Council do in the coming year.</b></p> <p>As there were no members of public in attendance at the meeting, people are being asked to respond via Facebook about what they would like to see the Council focus on in the coming year.</p> <p>Cllr Stanley noted that the Christmas lights tender has now been agreed which would brighten up the town centre.</p> <p>The office has received a couple of calls from community members who are disappointed that the Charter Fair is not happening again this year owing to the Jubilee Celebrations instead.</p> <p>Cllrs will consider any proposals in the July Full Council meeting.</p>	

The meeting finished at 7.02pm.

Signed:

Annual Parish Assembly

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