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**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, HELD IN HIGHGATE HALL ON TUESDAY 11TH
APRIL 2023 COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM**

NOTES

PRESENT: Councillors Tim Cummins, Richard Donoyou (Chair), Malcolm McCann, Sylvi Ranford, Ian Ross, Richard Smith (Vice Chair), Shirley Strowbridge, Kathryn Taylor, Paul Willson,

IN ATTENDANCE: Kerry Rew, Clerk; 12 members of the public

Cllr Donoyou welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 2022/23 BY THE CHAIR, CLLR RICHARD DONOYOU

Report attached.

2. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

1. The work done by the Parish Council was acknowledged in appreciation.
2. An enquiry was raised regarding any intention to improve mobile phone coverage. It was noted that a previous planning application for install a mast had been withdrawn by the prospective provider and no further applications have been received. The Parish Council would support such applications subject to relevant conditions as the need for improvement is recognised, especially as landlines are due to cease in 2025.
3. Concern was raised over the state of the verge outside the Black Horse and whether there were plans for it to be reinstated. The Parish Council expectation is that this will improve once the raised table has been installed and the car park extended to eliminate or at least reduce the incidence of parking on the verges. It was noted that much of the present damage has been done by contractors working at the Black Horse and a request was made to approach the management to take responsibility for the reinstatement once work is complete.

Cllr Donoyou closed the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:15 pm.