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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15 April 2024 at

the Holmes Chapel Community Centre, CW4 8AA

Present: Councillor G Bell who chaired the meeting. Because this was the Annual Parish Meeting, Councillors G Bell, T Massey, J Hardman, B Chorlton and G Derbyshire attended in their capacity as parishioners/members of the public. The Clerk Carlton Evans also attended.

Public: No additional members of the public were present.

Welcome from the Chairman: The Chairman welcomed participants.

Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting: The Chairman read through the minutes of the meeting on 17 April 2023. The main items discussed last time were:

- The path at the perimeter of Blackfirs Wood, and the failure of Cheshire East Council to install a path (with housing developers' support) along Blackfirs Lane
- Reducing vehicle speeds on Blackfirs Lane
- Siding out and cutting back hedges along the A34
- Drainage and Overhanging branches by Radnor Bank Bridge
- Maintenance Plans at Rhead's Meadows
- Sibelco planning application for Somerford Farm

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 17 April 2023 were signed as a true and accurate record.

Reports from the Chair and Parish Councillors: Attendees discussed the possibility of extending the Blackfirs Wood perimeter path further down Blackfirs Lane, though this would need careful consideration if it meant disturbing any tree roots, especially as some trees were subject to TPOs.

Attendees noted that there seemed to be an increase in suspicious activity with people trying car and house doors to see if they are unlocked. The Parish Council will consider putting an announcement on the website and social media to raise awareness and encourage vigilance.

The Meeting closed at 18.45 hrs