



Annual Parish Assembly Minutes

Meeting held 12th May 2025 at 19.00hrs
Windermere Centre, Hullbridge.

Attended: Mr. C. Agius, Mr. D. Elwell, Mr. I. Kenlin, Mrs J. O'Brien, Mr. K. O'Brien,
Mr. D. Flack, Mr. S. Cooper, Mr. P. White, Ms. K. Charters, Ms. A Marriott
Speakers: Colin Rickards, Chisola Chitambala.
Public: 8 Members of public attended.
Mrs. N Harding Clerk to the Council/ Mrs J. Mullett Assistant Clerk

1. The Chair welcomed residents and introduced the Meeting.
2. Apologies noted from Mrs Walsh, Mrs Naish and Mrs Hampstead.
3. The Chairman's Annual Report for 2024 / 2025 was distributed to those present.
The Chair gave thanks to his fellow councillors and council staff for their hard work during the past civic year. He then gave a verbal report on projects delivered by the parish council in 2024/25 including;
 - Christmas Fayre 2024
 - LED Street lighting
 - Pooles Lane Car Park CCTV
 - Lower Road Speed Sign
 - Grants to community groups.
 - Citizen of the Year Award
 - Newsletter
 - Men's Shed Group.
4. Speakers
 - **Mr. Colin Rickards** from the Hullbridge Parkinson's Café expressed his gratitude to the Parish Council for the recent grant awarded to the organisation. He provided an overview of the vital support the Café offers to individuals affected by Parkinson's disease, both within Hullbridge and from the wider area. Mr. Rickards also shared a recent article from the *Echo* newspaper celebrating the Café's seventh anniversary, highlighting its founding by Colin and his wife Christine, and outlining plans for its future development.
 - **Ms. Chisola Chitambala**, a Hullbridge resident and recent contestant on BBC1's *The Apprentice*, addressed the Council to reflect on her experience on the programme and the positive exposure it brought to Hullbridge. She spoke of her desire to use this platform to support local causes and initiatives. Ms. Chitambala also announced her recent appointment as an Ambassador for the Migraine Trust and detailed her ongoing efforts to raise



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awareness and support for the charity's work. The Chair thanked both speakers for giving their time to attend the meeting and speak .

5. Parish Question Time – Residents were then invited to ask questions which included;

- Broken drain on Lower Road.
- Windermere Centre gave thanks for the recent grant and gave information on the poppies made for the Remembrance display.
- Christmas Tree placement
- Windermere events banner on railings at High Elms.
- The Windermere Centre invited councillors to attend future events.

The Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting

Meeting closed
19:26