

PARTNEY AND DALBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD

20TH MAY 2025 at 6PM IN THE VICTORY HALL

1. Partney and Dalby Parish Council Chair, Jacqueline Oliver welcomed 23 residents to the meeting. Sandra Smith and Kirk Thomson from YMCA Lincolnshire gave a talk about the work the YMCA does, funding and networking opportunities and success stories from other villages.
2. Apologies were received from Beth Dawson.
3. The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting on 14th May 2024 were accepted as a true record.
4. The Chair read out the Annual Report of the Parish Council, copy attached.
5. Reports were received from St Nicholas PCC, Partney School, Victory Hall Committee, Community Garden Group, Partney Coffee Morning and Partney Parish Tote.
The new Head at the school Tracey Leverton has only been in post 4 weeks during which time OFSTED had visited. Tracey was pleased to have had a warm welcome from the village and is keen to increase links between the school and the community. Anne Lovelock gave an overview of the recent refurbishment which have taken place in the Victory Hall. Anne also updated on the Community Garden which has 14 active members who enjoy the therapeutic and social benefits of gardening. The Community Garden moved last year from the school to the side of the Victory Hall. A booklet is available. Partney Coffee Morning runs every Friday 9.30 – 12.30 serving home-made cakes etc. It started in 2017 and in this time has raised £30,000 for various charities. The Parish Tote was initially set up by John Hudson and Gill Marsh over 20 years ago. It is run by Jacquie Simpson. It is registered with ELDC and drawn every Friday during the Coffee Morning. For £1/week people can purchase 10 sets on numbers to win 50% of the sum raised. Funds are distributed to LIVES, the Air Ambulance, the church, school and hall committee. The St Nicholas PCC report was given by Carol Jones, the vice-Chair. Carol reported that the PCC has a good number of members and volunteers. The church is working well with the school. There were 4 services in December and 91 people attended the carol service. Other services include VE Day, Remembrance Day, Pet Service. The PCC plans to install a bench in the churchyard and £900 was donated by villagers towards this. The school Leavers service will be on 22nd July. A Harvest Festival weekend event is planned for August, including a produce show and scarecrows. The archdeacon of Lincoln will be at the Harvest Festival service. Coningsby Military Wives choir will preform in the church in September. Partney Choir gave an update. They will be celebrating their 50th year later this year. A report is attached.
6. Matters of interest raised by the public included the poor condition of the pavements and concern about the Dark Sky Initiative where a resident reported that muntjac deer and feral cats are being hit by vehicles; break-ins have increased and people are concerned about their trailers etc.
7. A vote of thanks was given to all participants.
8. The meeting closed at 6.58pm.