

**REPORT OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
15TH APRIL 2024 IN RUNWELL VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

Present Mr Clark (Chair); 10 Members of Runwell Parish Council; Representatives of Village Groups and members of the public. Guest speaker Ian Carr - Director of Special Service Brockfield House. Essex Police Chief Inspector Paul Ballard; Inspector Sam Girdlestone and Public Protection Manager Spencer Clarke from Chelmsford City Council

Apologies RPC Councillor: Mr. K Tarplett; Runwell Village Pre School - Mrs L Bridger; ECC Ian Grundy

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced:

2. Guest speaker Ian Carr - Director of Special Service Brockfield House.

Ian gave an interesting PowerPoint presentation covering all aspects of work undertaken at Brockfield House including Forensic Mental Health Care, Psychiatry and General Mental Health Care, the staff and patients. Following the presentation Cllr Davis asked a question in relation to security due to the faulty perimeter gates. Ian responded explaining the security set up and confirmed the gates would be replaced in May 2024. The Chairman thanked Ian Carr for his presentation.

3. **Council & Finance Report** The Chairman read out his Annual Report which included a Finance Report – see Appendices 1&2

4. REPORTS FROM LOCAL GROUPS AND REPRESENTATIVES

The following groups gave reports:-

Allotments Association; Public Footpaths & Runwell History; River Crouch Conservation Society; Runwell Games Club; Runwell Hospital Bowls Club; Runwell Community Primary School; Runwell Indoor Bowls Club; Runwell Rainbows; St. Mary's Church & Runwell Shed. The Chairman read out a report from Runwell Village Pre School and thanked all the groups for their reports.

5. Refreshment break.

6. Open Forum: Have your say on local issues - Questions to Invited Representatives and Council.

The Chairman introduced Chief Inspector Paul Ballard (PB); Inspector Sam Girdlestone (SG) and Public Protection Manager Spencer Clarke and opened the meeting to questions:

- Residents from St. Luke's Park raised issues covering Vehicle thefts; Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB); Open cannabis use; theft and shoplifting at the local Co-op shop with a request for uniform presence, possible stop and search. These issues can be reported directly to PB/SG and or on-line. Details can be obtained at the end of the meeting
- St. Luke's - Speeding. Community Speedwatch could be set up.
- St. Luke's - ASB - drinking in the Bus Stop & littering. This was noted and will be passed on.
- Runwell Community Primary School - speeding and parking issues near the school (Church End Lane, Brock Hill, Swan Lane) A talk and or visit from South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP) could be arranged. Double yellow lines should be in place by the end of June.
- St. Luke's - Security and installation of an ANPR camera. There is a serious cost involved and funding has to be obtained from ECC/Police (the fund re-opens after May 24) Checks have to be made that the cost is proportional and there are no privacy issues. A possibility of a temporary ANPR could be explored. The cameras are Police assets and not funded by CCC. The police promote the use of steering locks and leaflet drops to promote good practises.
- Pavement parking - this is allowed providing access to properties are not blocked.
- Speeding delivery vans/lorries - areas identified can be monitored and vehicles reported.
- Potential for lowering speed limit from 30mph to 20mph on the inner roads keeping 30mph on the outer ring road. The development to be completed then ECC Highways can be approached.
- Insufficient dog bins - these are supplied by Land Trust with whom St. Luke's residents have a maintenance contract.
- The police will share contact details via Cllr Paul Clark. Names noted at the end of the meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm