

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF BISHOP'S SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9th APRIL 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT

Cllr. Budd (RB) – Chairman

Cllr. Rutherford (PR) – Vice Chairman

Cllr. Nankivell (PN) and Cllr. Sumner (JS).

Mr K. Fell – Clerk

6 Residents and Prospective Liberal Candidate for Alresford & Itchen Valley – Russell Gordon-Smith.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were apologies from Cllr. Rob Humby, Cllr. Griffiths, Cllr. Power and Cllr. Jay.

2. MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 10th APRIL 2018.

These had been agreed at a previous meeting.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 12th MARCH 2019.

The minutes were agreed and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

Neighbourhood Watch – Tony Catesby had agreed to take on the role of Co-ordinator.

Alresford Path – awaiting reply from HCC.

Lengthsman Scheme – currently awaiting alternative lead PC

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

It gives me considerable pleasure this evening to welcome all parishioners and Councillors to our annual assembly. We have had an amiable but busy and constructive year and I wish to thank our Clerk, Kenrick Fell and all the Parish Councillors who have given so much of their valuable free time to the benefit of our local community, I will not steal their thunder, but let their reports speak for themselves. May I also take the opportunity to thank Aileen for her continued support throughout the year.

Can I also thank our City Councillors Lisa Griffiths and Margot Power for their help and advice at their regular attendance at our meetings. I would also like to thank Councillor Humby for fitting us into his busy schedule on many occasions.

Thanks to Nigel Buckingham for his short term as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator during which he encountered the "Nottingham Knockers" which resulted in them cutting short their visit to Bishop's Sutton. As a result of Nigel returning to the Southern Hemisphere, we had a vacancy for a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator but I understand Mr Tony Catesby has agreed to take on the post and we look forward to working with him in the future. Can I also take this opportunity to thank Tony for taking on the responsibility of the cleaning and restoring the village Milestone and may I say what a splendid job he has done.

Last but not least a huge thanks to Peter Mills and Brian Waltho for the work they do in the village, keeping grass verges and hedge rows under control additionally to peter for looking after the SLR's and to all the groups who contribute reports to this assembly.

My impression is that the community spirit remains strong in Bishop's Sutton resulting in a tidy and attractive village to walk or drive through.

I will now report on my areas of responsibility.

Residential Planning

During the year the Parish Council received notification of four new planning applications and they were:-

West Barn	Ref. 18/01932/HOU
Heron Cottage	Ref. 18/02799/TPO
Sutton Court	Ref. 19/00078/HOU
Northside Farm	Ref. 19/00253/PNACOU

No adverse comments were received by residents and the Parish Council did not object.

Speed Limit Recorder (SLR)

The SLR machine recorded 1320 vehicles per day in the East of the village and 1259 in the West. This compares with an average over the last four years of 1313. The dates of the measurements were September 2018 (East) and February 2019 (West). WE are awaiting the results of the recent Police Speed Trap at the Eastern end of the village.

Councillor Humby said at a recent meeting that unless a Police report was received, (which means a fatality) his department was unlikely to take any preventative measures.

Winchester District Association of Local Councils (WDALC)

One meeting was attended at Whiteley, which was interesting and kept us in touch with what was happening in the area.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. ROB HUMBY.

Cllr. Humby had sent his apologies.

7. CITY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. LISA GRIFFITHS and Cllr. MARGOT POWER.

Cllr. Griffiths and Cllr. Power had sent their apologies.

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TREE PLANTING – Cllr. RUTHERFORD.

PR gave details of the Avenue of Remembrance of Trees planted in the verge alongside the B3047. This was funded by residents from the village who had generously donated to the project. All the trees had taken and flowers had been planted at the base of the trees. Plaques will be fitted to the trees and a watering rota has been arranged. The additional funds would cover any trees that die plus donations to the Countryside Trust and The Royal British Legion. (see further report from the PCC).

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Rutherford.

8. CORRESPONDENCE.

Seafarers Merchant Navy Fund

CPRE AGM 18th May, Hampshire Views

WCC Travellers at Park & Ride, Update to Election Register

Margot Power - Making Roads Safer & Apologies

Martin Jay – Report

PCC Report

WI Report

Police Newsletter

Lengthsman Scheme – Various emails HCC & Shedfield PC

Came & Co. Insurance

9. FINANCE REPORT – CLERK.

During the year the Defibrillator was installed and request bus stops were also installed close to the Village Hall after carrying out a resident's survey. HCC provided the equipment from their budget.

A Parish Council Budget was prepared for 2019/20 which included donations to CPRE, St Nicholas Church and an increased donation to the CAB. With an allowance for inflation, an increase in the cost of printing plus funds to repair the bus shelter the Precept was raised to £6,500. With a WCC Tax Base of 205.68 a Band D property is £31.60.

The Accounts were audited internally by Martin Henderson. The Accounts are being prepared for 2018/19. The recoverable VAT for last year was £81.28.

10. INDUSTRIAL PLANNING & LENGTHSMAN – Cllr. MARTIN JAY.

New fences and gates were erected on land adjoining the industrial site in Old Park Road. Discussions were held with both the landowners and HCC and these have now been removed.

Lengthsman Scheme

During the year we have been visited on 5 occasions by 1, 2 or 3 lengthsman who, with one or two small exceptions, have carried out the work requested. Shedfield PC have indicated that they will no longer act as lead PC and no other Parish has volunteered so, at present, no further visits are planned. We are attempting to resolve this issue with HCC.

11. RESIDENTIAL PLANNING – Cllr. BUDD.

Over the past fourteen months five planning applications have been received and comments were made on all but one of these. This was for the pruning of a Beech tree.

The result of the planning decisions was as follows: - three were given permission, one was rejected and one is on-going.

The Parish Council is actively engaged in representing the village with regards to the Sun Hill Development, commenting on the effect that the additional vehicular traffic will have on the village. The country town of Alresford would be better served by several small developments around the town instead of one monolithic development with a population equal to that of Bishop's Sutton.

White Lodge, Bishop's Sutton Road	18/00415/TPO	February 2018
Pilgrims, School Lane	17/03123/FUL	December 2017
Bishops Court Lodge	17/02298/HOU	September 2017
Pear Tree Cottage, Mill Lane	17/02116/HOU	August 2017
Bishops Court	17/017651/FUL	December 2016

12. WEBSITE REPORT/FACEBOOK – CLERK/Cllr. NANKIVELL.

The Clerk stated that he was going to use the photograph on the front of the website on a new letter heading. Clubs and societies required updating. The Village Hall are going to connect with the website (Mark and Pam liaising). Clerk to update the Minutes and other details.

Clerk to let PN have the SLR results.

13. SLR REPORT – CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman stated the equipment continued to be used at both ends of the village.

14. HIGHWAYS REPORT – Cllr. SUMNER.

Cllr. Sumner gave a report on the general condition of the roads in the village. Some of the potholes had been filled and the tree branches had been cut back from the 30mph sign by the Lengthsmen. The entrance to the village hall was to be repaired but the bollards across the road at the parking area were still broken. The new dragon patcher had been responsible for repairing some of the potholes, it had been seen in Old Park Road.

There were 2 potholes in Whitehill Lane and some in School Lane.

15. FOOTPATHS & ROW REPORT – Cllr. NANKIVELL.

Cllr. Nankivell gave details of requests for repair or clearing. Footpath to be sided out from Northside Lane to start of village. Footpath in need of repair Sutton Court to Bus Stop. Path 21 signage repair. Path 10 signage repair. Path signage Northside Lane to Suttonwood to repair. ACTIONED. Ditches on village hall side need clearing. Ditches from Whitehill Lane to layby need clearing. Ditches at the railway Bridge needs clearing and inspected to see if runoff can be improved. Road gutters and drains to be cleared, especially in front of village hall and Harbours. Roadside drain from Ropley roundabout up Old Park Road needs clearing. ACTIONED.

All but two of these jobs have been actioned. We have no idea when these jobs will be carried out. It is disappointing that there is absolutely no communication from the relevant authorities when we can expect the work that to be carried out will be done.

The path to Alresford is still a problem. Operation Resilience may be able to carry out some siding along the path. The path has not been identified for consideration in the 19/20 Hampshire Highways budget. We also don't have the current years cutting list. We need this to ensure that all areas on the list are done.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Nankivell.

16. POLICE REPORT.

See Newsletter enclosed.

17. PCC REPORT – MRS JOYCE LOVERING.

This last year has seen a lot of activity in St Nicholas. We have had 6 funerals, a burial and an internment of ashes. Also 2 weddings and 4 baptism services were held for 5 babies.

The new organ was installed and a series of concerts were held which raised over £2,000 for the Bloodwise Charity.

All through the year we have had an ALL AGE service on the 4th Sunday of the month. This has been a mixture of story, activity and importantly, a social get-together. This has become very well attended. Following the Harvest festival service we held a harvest lunch in the village hall to which all villagers were invited and over 50 villagers participated.

On the fund raising front, Cindy Chetwode gave a fascinating insight into Chatsworth House, Peter Mills and Barry Page organised the annual Clay Pigeon Shoot and we had the Festive Tea/Bazaar, plus a Quiz night in the Ship, all of which raised much needed funds for the Church. The Carols in the Ship was enjoyed by a packed house and £220 was raised for the Winchester Night Shelter.

Mel Simm and Paul Rutherford organised a tree planting ceremony to commemorate the soldiers who fell during wars from Bishop's Sutton. Clare took a short service by the trees and about 40 people attended. Clare held another All Souls service for families to remember their loved ones in the company of others suffering the same sadness and this was followed by tea and cakes.

All in all, a very busy and successful year for St. Nicholas Parish Church.

18. W.I. REPORT – MRS ANNE WALTHO.

We have had a full and varied programme for the past year and while we have been pleased to welcome new members and guests membership is only 27, the majority of which come from surrounding areas not Bishop's Sutton.

We have had an enjoyable and informative visit to Hinton House which was followed by John Wood, Head Gardener at Hinton, coming to speak to us one evening and showing wonderful slides. This month we have had another outing using the community bus to take us to Milestones the museum in Basingstoke. One meeting in the year to highlight was last October

when a milliner came to show how he made the wonderful hats. He had 80 ladies in the audience and many modelled the hats. To have so many guests was very rewarding. To show we are young at heart we have had a Belly Dancer demo with many members getting up donning authentic belts and scarves and having a go. We won the area quiz again but not the County Final although our score was very near.

We continue to run the popular coffee mornings, help at the Village Fete and other village events where we can. Alresford Show see us at the WI tent where with other local WI's we serve over 1,000 teas and coffees plus cakes. We have an interesting and fun programme for our coming year.

19. WDALC – Cllr. BUDD.

Cllr. Budd stated that the defibrillator project was being progressed but the Alresford Pigs funds had not been transferred yet.

20. OTHER MEETINGS.

The Clerk had attended a WCC Parish Council Forum Meeting, a HCC Highways Meeting with a demonstration of the new pothole Dragonpatcher plus a visit to the Hampshire Highways Operation Room.

21. SUN LANE DEVELOPMENT – CLLR. MARTIN JAY.

In June 2018 Winchester City planning committee unanimously supported the Sun Lane development scheme for 320 homes, new open space and an industrial estate. Prior to this meeting the view of the Bishops Sutton Parish Council were communicated both by letter to the individual members of the planning committee and also the relevant meeting in the following terms:-

Bishops Sutton Parish Council remains concerned about the effect that this development will have on our residents and surrounding roads. We believe that the impact on surrounding villages has not been assessed and that this application should not be considered until the developers have assessed it in full. It should then only be given if the developers have guaranteed:-

1. That the new traffic island on the A31 will be completed before work starts on either the industrial or residential site to ensure that traffic enters and exits only from the A31.
2. That effective weight restrictions, traffic calming or other means have been designed to prevent HGVs, white vans etc.: from using Whitehill Lane to enter or exit the site.
3. That a way has been found to guarantee that there will be no further development to the east of the existing site border.

The next stage of the planning process is the approval of a Section 106 Agreement which is part of the planning process whereby a local authority negotiated a contract with a developer. This stage has not yet taken place.

22. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR.

Aileen Miller raised the school buses in the layby and Mrs Catesby supported Aileen. It was pointed out by PN, RB and PR that the Parish Council had not had them removed previously and the buses were perfectly entitled to park there as they were not illegally parked. The PC had written to HCC Transport and the Police on this matter. Aileen thought that the PC should write to the Head teacher at Perins but JS stated that the situation was nothing to do with the school. The other point that was made was that HCC should write it in the contract that they cannot park their buses in this layby, but this will not happen.

PN mentioned the VETS training for the de-fibrillator. This is a Volunteer Emergency Telephone System.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – ANNUAL MEETING 14TH MAY 2019.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, reminded Members that the next meeting was the Annual Meeting, and closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.