

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF BISHOP'S SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11th APRIL 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT

Cllr. Miller – Chairman
Cllr. Rutherford – Vice Chairman
Cllr. Nankivell, Tait and Budd
Cllr. R. Huxstep – County Councillor
Sgt. Bethan Wood
Mrs Ann Waltho
Mr Martin Henderson - Auditor
Mr K. Fell – Clerk
2 Residents

The Chairman opened the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were apologies from Mr John Gregory, Ms Barbara Woollner, Cllr. Griffiths, Cllr. Ernie Jeffs, Cllr. Kim Gottlieb and Mr Mark Allen.

2. MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 12th APRIL 2016.

These had been agreed at a previous meeting.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 14th MARCH 2016.

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

3. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT – Sgt. BETHAN WOOD.

Sgt. Wood stated that Bishop's Sutton was a low crime area but she gave details of the local crime rates see enclosure.

PC Paul McShea was retiring and Reese Griffiths was covering for Michelle who was going on maternity leave.

The Chairman thanked Sgt. Wood for her report.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

Welcome to parishioners and members of the Parish Council. I want to thank our Clerk, Kenrick Fell, and the Parish Councillors for working hard to keep everything organized for the benefit of our Parish and its residents. We are grateful for the help we receive from our City Councillors, Cllr. Lisa Griffiths and Ernie Jeffs, and County Councillor Roger Huxstep. In addition we are grateful for the work done by our Internal Auditor Martin Henderson, and Richard Milligan our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. A special thanks to Peter Mills for the help he gives when problems arise relating to the village.

New Alresford Development Strategy

The Development Plan strategy has been approved, and Sun Lane is looking likely: however there are still problems relating to traffic flows and the proposed access to the A31.

Lengthsman Scheme

This is the most beneficial operation for the appearance of the village, and thankfully Hampshire County Council has agreed the funding for the next year. However, fewer days are allocated to us because of the Government Living Wage Agreement. The Parish Council Insurance cover is adequate.

SLR's

Vehicles are still speeding through the village, with the number of violations over the test periods of two weeks at a time throughout the year at the east and west ends of the village up

this year to 19,000+, an increase from last years of 17,000+.

Please Note: It is illegal and dangerous to place notices on Power Poles, and not allowed under any circumstances.

Also illegal are fly tipping and graffiti, and residents are asked to report any incidents to Winchester City Council.

Household Waste Recycling Centres

Alterations have been made to opening hours, and charges introduced for soil, rubble, plasterboard and asbestos.

Travellers Sites

Appledown Lane site is still on the list. This must be opposed by as many residents as possible. It is totally unsuitable for habitation.

The website is now up and running, thanks to Mark Allen for designing it. He will be jointly responsible with our Clerk Kenrick Fell for keeping it up to date.

Donations have been made to the New Alresford Town Trust for the Minibus, the CPRE and to be made to St. Nicholas Church.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr. ROGER HUXSTEP

See enclosure.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Huxstep for his report.

6. CITY COUNCILORS REPORT.

See enclosure. No councillors present.

8. RESIDENTIAL PLANNING.

Between 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2017, the Parish Council reviewed a total of six residential planning applications and one application to prune back one tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) within a domestic curtilage.

In five of the six cases, the Parish Council received no objections from Parishioners and also raised none on its own behalf: all were subsequently permitted by WCC.

In the sixth case, WCC withdrew a residential planning approval granted in 2016 for a roof extension to a property within the Parish due to a number of non-compliances with the previously approved plans. Two subsequent retrospective applications were refused by WCC, following which the applicant submitted a formal appeal to the Secretary of State against the WCC decision: the appeal is currently under consideration.

The application to prune back the crown of a mature ash tree that was overhanging neighbouring gardens was not opposed by the Parish Council, subject to the proposed pruning complying with the WCC Tree Preservation Policy. The application is being considered by WCC.

A detailed list of the Residential Planning Applications reviewed during this period was attached. Cllr. Tait was thanked by the Chairman.

9. INDUSTRIAL PLANNING.

The Chairman said that there was no further news of any redevelopment at Old Park Road.

10. FINANCE REPORT – CLERK

The Clerk had distributed the Budget for 2017/8 and ran through the main items. The Precept was the same as the previous year and with the 2017/8 tax base a Band D property would be £23.95 for the Parish Tax. The VAT had been claimed for 2016/7 and was £82.60. The PC had a 3yr deal on insurance and the Clerk was paid on a National Scale with a current increase from 1st April 2017 of 1%.

The Clerk gave the Chairman the current bank details.

RECEIVED

Precept

2,504.00

TO PAY

St. Nicholas Church – donation	75.00
Clerk's expenses	87.38
Office Depot	20.88
CPRE subs	36.00
Proposed AM	Seconded PR

11. WEBSITE

As Mark Allen was absent the Clerk reported that the website was up to date.

12. REPORT FROM ST. NICHOLAS PCC – MR RICHARD MILLIGAN.

I am very pleased to report that last January the Reverend Clare Welham had her licensing service as Priest-in-Charge of the Bishop's Sutton, Ropley, West Tisted Benefice. Clare has two young children and her husband is Head of Maths at Twyford School. Having had two years of Interregnum we can now look forward to new challenges. Clare is available on 01962 773075 in the Vicarage at Ropley.

For the past two years our Parochial Church Council members have had to work very hard by themselves to run the Church. I would like to thank, particularly Joyce Lovering for all her work, and obviously the whole PCC.

13. REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – MR RICHARD MILLIGAN.

PC Paul McShea has recently retired and on behalf of Bishop's Sutton residents we wish him a very happy and healthy retirement.

Vigilance must be top of our priorities. We should try and make sure our properties and possessions are made as secure as possible.

It has been a good year generally except for the speed of traffic through the village which has resulted in more animal deaths than should be. Dog walking has now become quite a risky business when attempting to cross the main road through the village. The 30mph speed limit is largely ignored.

14. REPORT FROM THE W.I.

Mrs Waltho stated that the W.I. had had another full year during which they had celebrated their 70th birthday by hiring a barge last May and travelling along the Basingstoke Canal. They had a lovely evening with members and guests from the Alresford group of the W.I. Our meetings continued during the year to be very varied and interesting. We heard of the history of Portsmouth Docks to Wildlife talks at which one speaker brought a Barn Owl which sat on her wrist all evening. It came from the wildlife rescue centre in Medstead. We also had a talk from Hants Search and Rescue. Our Xmas Party was held here in the hall with quite a few villagers joining us to a sit down Xmas meal which was very successful.

Charities were well supported and we donated 40 shoe boxes to the Samaritans who send them to needy children abroad and a new donation this year was for Homeless Women. The County W.I. supported this and we gave a huge amount of appropriate essentials for them to distribute. Our outing to Exbury Gardens and tea in the New Forest was much enjoyed last Autumn by members and again some of our local community joined us.

The coffee mornings continue to be a good community event and still enjoyed after 23 years. At the May meeting we had plants and other sales in aid of W.I. funds and in November stalls again to raise extra funds for the Hall. We helped at the Village Fete and at the Church teas and of course the Tea Tent at Alresford Show.

Membership is down to 27 but we have an interesting programme this year which we hope will attract visitors who are always welcome.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Waltho for the interesting W.I. report.

15 REPORT ON HIGHWAYS – CLLR. BUDD.

Cllr. Budd stated that potholes were a problem although some had been filled recently on the B3047. The access to the Sun Lane from/to the A31 was discussed. The Chairman stated that there was some confusion over the link. A resident said that she had visited the display in Alresford and she was concerned re link to single carriageway. Speed limits were also discussed. Cllr. Budd reported that the suggestion of a double white line on the corner at the side of the Ship had been turned down.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Budd for his report.

16. REPORT FROM WDAPC.

Cllr. Budd said that there had not been any meetings.

17. REPORT ON FOOTPATHS.

Cllr. Nankivell stated that the footpaths were OK and he had no problems to report

18. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR.

A resident complained that it was too dangerous for children to go to Alresford either by walking or on a bike because of having to cross the road.

Martin Henderson said that parking in the village was getting worse. The Chairman stated that notices are placed on car windscreens if parked on the pavement. Martin asked if anything could be done about the parking at the top of Mill Lane which blocked the sight line when exiting. Clerk to follow up.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – ANNUAL MEETING 9TH MAY 2017.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.37 p.m.