

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Yatesbury Village Hall on Wednesday 10th May 2017 commencing at 7.30pm

Present:-

Councillors

D Grafton – Chairman
M Purslow
D Evans
J Cavanagh
S Tomlinson
M Wilkins – Vice Chairman
Mrs B Raven – Clerk of the Parish Council
4 Members of the Public

3283 Apologies

Apologies were received from Wiltshire Councillor A Hill

3284 Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting dated 16th May 2016 were read out by the Chairman. They were proposed as a correct record by Cllr S Tomlinson and seconded by Cllr M Purslow and signed accordingly by the Chairman Cllr D Grafton

3285 Annual Parish Report by the Chairman (Attached)

Chairman Councillor D Grafton distributed a copy of his yearly report to everyone present – it had also been emailed to all the Councillors prior to the meeting. Councillor D Grafton thanked all the Councillors for their continued support and also thanked the Clerk for all she has done. Special thanks to John Cavanagh for running our Website Cherhill.Org – Details attached on file. Cllr S Tomlinson thanked Cllr D Grafton for Chairing the meetings throughout the year and for all his hardwork – this was Seconded by M Purslow

3286 PublicParticipation

There was no Public Participation at this meeting

3287 Presentation by Wiltshire Bee Society

The Bee Society is based in Yatesbury and purchased the Malcolm Club in 2012. It was in a dreadful state of repair and they infact removed 18 tonnes of rubbish from the Site. Fee showed us slides of the site as it was and as it is now and her talk was extremely interesting to us all. They finally managed to get the roof on in

May 2016. They have many plans for the future including a teaching school, café and sale of honey and fudge from the site.

Cllr D Grafton thanked Fee and husband Terry for their Presentation

Meeting Closed at 8.30

Cheese and Wine was then served

Chairmans Report 2017.

This year has once again involved all Councillors in various roles and time in attendance at meetings and I would like to thank them for their efforts. The following is a short reprise of the year's activity.

Yatesbury pond is now looking in very much better order and its management achieves a balance of conservation and tidiness thanks to the efforts of Paul Ricketts and Paul Weston.

The Parish Steward system has been reintroduced by Wiltshire Council and Bill Jennings has been active on our designated days. Any requirements for work to be reported to Barbara .

An Emergency Planning system has been introduced by Wiltshire Council and we have been working with Calne Town Council to update information and contacts. This will be ongoing and developed to cover the local area .

Rural roads continue to be high on the agenda. Potholes, drainage and overruns on the verges reported to the council are logged and the Highways department will endeavour to meet and identify the problems but have limited resources.

Following much discussion the 20 mph limit has been integrated within Cherhill, and we have worked with highways to minimise the amount of signage and road markings. Thanks to David Evans who has steered this project.

Speeding on the A4 and the avenue in Yatesbury have been highlighted and we are hoping to arrange a Metrocount to collate statistics that would justify a community Speed Watch group to be set up.

We are represented on the Calne Area Transport Group highways forum in Calne. Thanks to Simon who attends and reports back to us .

A4 Tourist route ongoing discussions and progress has led to the formation of the "Great West Way" Group which now covers a route from Bristol to London. A recent presentation by John Skinner confirmed that this has the backing of "Visit England", a substantial government funding source. Thanks to Sabine for her involvement in representing Cherhill.

Tommy Croker Playing Field. The Parish Council continues to support this well used facility. We are grateful to John Ashcroft for his stewardship and maintenance of the field and would encourage people to join the committee.

The Countryside Forum met earlier in the year. Richard Broadhead from Wiltshire Council attended and a very full discussion of the Wiltshire Council position on Byways identified a need for cooperation between Landowners and the limited funds that are available to his department. This has been quite successful and a number of access routes have been cut back using farm resources thanks to Mike Wilkins. A working party was also helped with hand clearance work in Yatesbury .

White Horse. In October it was decided to carry out a preliminary clean and grass cut and the volunteers from the access group carried out this activity. In April this year we then completed the biannual rechalking with 14 tonnes of fresh chalk. This work was coordinated along with local scout organisations and attracted helpers from far and wide. Good weather and a willing workforce completed the task efficiently on St. Georges Day.

We have continued raising our concern regarding the condition of the Monument and understand that this has now been added to the "At Risk " register by English Heritage which may attract a more urgent restoration project.

Councillors attended a meeting at the Yatesbury Hangers to raise points concerning their development and were able to meet the owner and planning officials. It is hoped that this project proceeds to enhance and preserve the RAF connection to Yatesbury.

Broadband at Yatesbury is being promoted by the village and Martin Purslow is involved with some of the discussions with providers.

Following notification of a successful bid for match funding from Calne Area Board for two defibrillators, it is proposed to site one in Yatesbury, possibly in the redundant phone box, and the second in Cherhill; the site to be confirmed.

We are sorry to report that Sabine Orton and Barry Seed have decided to retire due to other commitments and we thank them for their work on the Parish Council. Barry has been our contact with the School as well as our computer expert.

We are however pleased to welcome John Cavanagh to our team following the recent local Government election and we still have a vacancy for co-option in Cherhill Ward.

Finally I would like to confirm our thanks to Barbara for her work as Clerk to the council. Her contacts with Officers and staff at Calne Town and Wiltshire Council are invaluable. We are so pleased that both she and Harold are on the mend.

David Grafton .