

SHELLINGFORD PARISH MEETING

Minutes of Annual General Meeting on 16 April 2018 at The Community Hall

1. Welcome and Attendance

Barry Moody, Chairman, welcomed fifteen residents to the meeting and requested that they sign the Attendance Record. Apologies for absence had been received from Mike Wright, Phil Chesterton, Jennie Chesterton, Susie Price and Jennifer Thompson.

2. Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 20 November 2017 were reviewed and accepted as an accurate record without amendment. The Chairman signed these minutes.

3. Matters Arising

Councillor Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor had not yet investigated the possibility of a 20 m.p.h. speed limit in Church Street. She will contact the Chairman and Clerk about the process involved.

4. Nominations and Elections of Officials

Barry Moody was nominated by Richard Jonas and seconded by Christopher Price for the position of Chairman.

Roy Samways was nominated by Peter Mattingley and seconded by Christopher Price for the position of Clerk.

Sue Terry was nominated by Peter Mattingley and seconded by Richard Jonas for the position of Treasurer.

There were no other nominations and the meeting approved the election of the officers.

5. County Council Report

Councillor Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor submitted an oral report.

Each County Councillor had been allocated £15,000 p.a. for the years to 31 March 2019 and 2020 to be granted to new community projects in their ward. Criteria for the grants are to be published next week.

Significant transport improvements have been made by the opening of the Harwell Link road at the end of March and repairs to Frideswide Square in Oxford.

Primary school places are to be allocated today with the expectation that a high percentage of first choices will be successful.

6. District Council Report

Councillor Robert Sharp submitted an oral report.

The Wantage Relief road (East Link road/Mably Road) had been approved by allocating £7 million from the Housing Infrastructure Fund. In this way the road will be built before the developer would have done it under section 106 arrangements.

VOWH Council wish to see greater public involvement in the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway consultation.

Wantage Independent Advice Centre have been granted £58,000 p.a. for three years.

Robert answered questions about the decline of market towns in general and Faringdon in particular.

7. Planning Applications

The Clerk reported that the only planning application to arise since the last Parish Meeting was the proposed expansion to the White Horse Business Park in Stanford in the Vale. There had also been a consultation period of over three months into the alteration of controlled air space over RAF Brize Norton and Oxford Airport. The Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2 had been submitted for examination.

8. Quarry Subcommittee Report

The Clerk submitted an oral report.

Oxfordshire County Council had issued an Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion in December (ref. MW.0093/17) as a response to the quarry contractor's request. It appeared to include all the points raised in the Clerk's letter of 15 November 2017.

The Chairman and Clerk had been invited to visit the quarry in February and were shown around by Philip Copplesone (one of two brothers who own/manage the contractor). During this informative and helpful visit, Philip Copplesone had offered to extend such a visit to anyone from Shellingford who was interested. He also said that they were intending to submit a full planning application in late Spring or early Summer.

Whilst such an application has not yet been made, it was considered that the Quarry Subcommittee should meet to prepare for the probable submission in the near future. If a planning application is submitted before the next Parish Meeting then the Chairman and Clerk will call an Extraordinary Parish Meeting in order that the village residents have an opportunity to comment.

The Clerk was asked to investigate whether a date could be set for an open visit to the quarry and to ask Philip Copplesone to address any Extraordinary Parish Meeting.

9. Financial Report

Sue Terry, Treasurer, submitted a Summary Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2018 and an Annual Governance and Accountability Return (including a Certificate of Exemption, Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements) A proposal by Richard Jonas, seconded by Christopher Price, to accept these documents was approved by the meeting and they were signed by the relevant officers.

It was noted that the monies accumulated in the bank account were largely intended to be for the Community Hall extension.

10. Speed Watch Report

Christopher Price submitted an oral report.

Checks are planned for 26 & 27 April, 4 & 5 May, 30 & 31 May and 15 & 16 June. There had been three recent cases of drivers exceeding 50 mph. Any driver exceeding 33 mph receives a warning letter from the police.

The Chairman and Secretary of Neighbourhood Action Group 2 are resigning and unless they are replaced it is possible that NAG 2 and NAG 1 will be amalgamated.

Smart Water identification systems are available for the village as a whole if it is desired.

11. Community Hall Report

Sue Terry explained that grants are being applied for to assist the expansion of Hall facilities. The Community Hall AGM is to be held on 8 May.

12. Parochial Church Council Report

Sue Terry did not have anything specific to report.

13. School Headteacher's Report

Judith Terrell had submitted a written report which had been issued with the notice of the meeting. This was reviewed.

The Community Picnic Lunch on 25 May was noted. A proposal by Peter Mattingley, seconded by Janine Rowe, to donate £50 towards the cost of the Lunch was approved by the meeting.

14. Any Other Business

Peter Mattingley explained the plans for Remembrance Sunday to commemorate in particular those involved in the First World War. There would be a lunch following the church service. A proposal by Christopher Price, seconded by Sue Terry, to contribute £50 to the costs of the lunch was approved by the meeting.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Planned for Monday 29 October 2018 at 19.30 in the Community Hall.