

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2018

The 2018 Annual Parish Meeting took place in Nuneham Courtenay Village Hall on Friday 20th April 2018.

Madhvi Saini, Chair of the Parish Council, opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

Present: 12 parishioners (including all four members of the Parish Council) and the Parish Clerk.

Apologies: Lorraine Lindsay-Gale, Ron Benson, Sheila Harris and Georgia Gillett.

1. Annual report of the Parish Council

Madhvi gave an annual report on behalf of the Parish Council, which can be viewed on the website here:

Parishioner expressed concern about schoolchildren crossing the road and said how important she felt it would be to have a crossing so they could cross in safety.

Madhvi said the parish council has been in correspondence with Oxfordshire County Council and Thames Valley Police about a speed camera for the other side of the road.

The police have said it is the County Council that says where speed cameras are located although it is the police who operate them and carry out enforcement.

Nuneham Courtenay receives a high level of enforcement support from the police.

Different views were expressed about the possible impact of a Vehicle-Activated Sign if the parish council were to pay the County Council to install one.

The police also suggested the parish council considers Community Speedwatch. Trained volunteers could operate speed guns and the police would carry out the enforcement. Several people expressed willingness to take part.

Madhvi undertook that the parish council would explore the idea further. Sue Lawson suggested the parish council contacts other villages that have tried Community Speedwatch.

A parishioner said the parish needs a car park. The land designated as a car park is leased by the Nuneham Estate to the Village Hall Committee. John Peters said a hard surface for the car park has been estimated as costing between £12,000 and £16,000, a sum beyond

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the Village Hall Committee's means. The work would require the Nuneham Estate's permission.

There was a lively discussion about the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway, its possible route and the impact on the village.

Madhvi explained the difference between a Village Plan and a Neighbourhood Plan, which would have more weight but would take a lot of time.

Sue explained funding of over £12,000 would be available from South Oxfordshire District Council so cost is not the problem, but time.

She said typically a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would be set up with about four members. She gave examples of other villages at different stages of theirs.

Madhvi spoke about the Nuneham Estate's informal event held on Wednesday 18th April. Sue spoke about the potential for developing a constructive relationship with the Nuneham Estate.

June and Pete said the scrap metal yard has always supported the Village Hall.

Pete thanked the Parish Council and Sue for their support for the Village Hall Committee in the past year.

Sue congratulated the people who have built up the parish council again virtually from scratch.

Pete asked about a bin for the churchyard. There was a discussion as to who is responsible for the churchyard and how much the bin might cost.

2. Annual report from the Adult Lunch Club

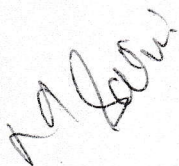
Sheila Harris and Georgia Gillett had both sent their apologies and a brief, written report:

"The Nuneham Courtenay Adult Lunch Club has been running since 2012 with fifty members. Superb food is served once a month organized by a very enthusiastic and hard-working Committee headed by Georgia Gillett. We have encouraged specifically recently widowed people on their own.

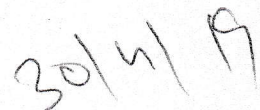
The Club was originally planned for Nuneham Courtenay but because of lack of interest membership was offered to the wider surrounding villages.

The atmosphere of the Lunch Club is one of happy companionship with a great community spirit."

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3. Annual report from Oxfordshire County Councillor

Lorraine Lindsay-Gale, County Councillor for the Berinsfield and Garsington division, had sent her apologies as she was on holiday.

Her written report can be viewed on the Parish Council's website here: <http://nunehamcourtenay.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/annual-report-to-parish-councils-2017-18.pdf>.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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