

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2019

The 2019 Annual Parish Meeting took place in Nuneham Courtenay Village Hall on Tuesday 30th April 2019.

Madhvi Saini, Chair of the Parish Council, opened the meeting at 7.35pm.

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

Apologies: Lorraine Lindsay-Gale, Simon Gray.

1. Annual report of the Parish Council

Madhvi gave an annual report on behalf of the Parish Council. Following her report, many people spoke about a wide range of matters.

Sue Lawson, who is a member of the outgoing parish council, said she would be remaining a parish councillor in Sandford-on-Thames after her term of office as a South Oxfordshire district councillor ended.

She said she would like to set up an informal group to establish communication between the parish councils in the Sandford and the Wittenhams ward.

There was a presentation to Sue as a retiring parish and district councillor.

A parishioner said the Lunch Club has about 50 members and the attendance is usually about 40.

A parishioner said the London plane trees are causing problems for certain of the cottages in the main road. John Peters, the Vice-Chair of the Parish Council, said an officer from South Oxfordshire District Council would be visiting the village next week.

There was a discussion about the restrictions on a speed-activated sign. A parishioner spoke about the experience of a sign in Garsington. Jenny Taylor said she understood that the camera in the village catches more speeding motorists than any other camera in the county.

A parishioner suggested interest in possible gas supply would be helped if people were given figures for the cost per household depending on the number of families that signed up.

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Although the cycle rack is used, the Council does not know who uses it. Jenny Taylor said she thought the rack had been either installed or replaced a few years ago.

There was a discussion about a defibrillator that could be installed on the outside wall of the Village Hall. Jenny Taylor said we need to remember the village suffers quite badly from power cuts.

Jenny Taylor said so much work had been done on a Village Plan. Sue Lawson explained the difference between a Village Plan and a Neighbourhood Plan, which would have more weight but would take a lot of work and would be created by a group separate from the parish council.

Jenny Taylor said it had been believed that the cost of the referendum to approve the Neighbourhood Plan had been considered a barrier. Pete Brooks said he might speak to Jasminder Love about getting access to the work done so far on the Village Plan.

There was a discussion about ownership of the Playing Field. Pete Brooks said he was a trustee and the playing field belonged to the parish but the Council understands it only belongs to the trustees. A parishioner said she thought it would have to be donated to the parish.

A parishioner said he believed the Playing Field had been bought at the end of World War 2.

Jenny Taylor said the play area had been planned about six years ago and at that time would have cost about £2,500.

There was also a discussion about the legal position of the Village Hall. A parishioner said when Alice Turner was involved, the Village Hall used to pay a peppercorn rent to the University but stopped so no rent was paid for many years. Peter Bennett looked into it.

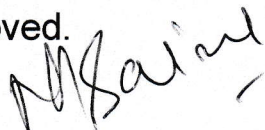
A parishioner said the documents of the sale of the Estate by the University should indicate what land was sold and what is not listed.

A former parish councillor said the Village Hall was installed on the basis of tenants at will.

Jenny Taylor said the Baldons has an electronic communication system. People's email addresses weren't visible.

A parishioner asked when the hoarding would come down. James Fallon and John Peters said the hoarding concealed the mess of the building works. Madhvi Saini asked the Parish Clerk to make a note of the need to ask the contractors when the hoarding would be removed.

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Parishioners remembered the promise of a community-run delicatessen.

2. Annual report from Oxfordshire County Councillor

Lorraine Lindsay-Gale, County Councillor for the Berinsfield and Garsington division, had sent her apologies and a written report.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm.

L Lindsay-Gale

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