



Annual Parish Meeting

Present:

Mrs M Jones (Chair), Mr B. Gibbins, Mr D. Ballard, Mr C. Wilkinson, Mr D. Starmer, Mrs R. Gibbins, Mr S. Drinkwater, Miss S. Eason, Mr J. Calderwood, Mr N. Faulkner, Mr B. Justice, Mr B. Briscoe & Clerk G. Ravine.

Apologies:

Mrs S. Roberts (hol booked before appointment of position) Cllr J. Kirkbride NCC (Hol), Cllrs A. Addison (Personal Commitments) & K Cooper (Chair of Gayton PC) SNC.

Public: 9

Chairman's Report:

Maxine gave her report outlining her work, along with the council over the past 12 months. This included fly-tipping, dog mess control & Neighbourhood Plan. Planning. Meetings with the Tri Parishes & developers have taken place, as well as speaking of the fight against the development at Larkhall Lane. Reference was made to the Allotments & their Bee World, to the Highways Committee battling against the never ending potholes & churned up verges. The Chair thanked all of the Council for their hard work & for volunteering.

Cllr Ballard thanked the Chair for all the hard work she has done, a lot of which is done in behind the scenes. A vote of thanks was issued by the council.

Finance Report - Presented by the Clerk:

Grants paid out to the Old School, Playing Field, Heritage & Highways. Expenditure consists of allotments, churchyard, maintenance, lighting, bus shelters, benches, notice boards, clerk salaries, admin, insurance & audit fees.

Income came from allotments rent, water rates, burial fees, donations & vat refunds.

Reports from County & District

Councillors:

The clerk read out a report from Cllr Kirkbride detailing the work she has done across the 12 months.

The Chair read out the report received from District Councillors Ann Addison & Karen

Cooper.

The full reports from the Councillors are available from Guy Ravine & will also be in the main minutes.

Reports from Organisations:

It was pleasing to see members of some of the many organisations in the village at the meeting – reports were given on their work over the last 12 months. These reports will listed in full in the main copy of the minutes.

Jennifer Smith – Clasp & Heritage.
Mary Burt – Harpole Charities.
Ann Craggs – Gardeners.
Alan Leroy – Free School Foundation.
Sarah Eason – Governors.
Rita Gibbins – Allotment Association & WI
David Starmer – Playing Field.
David Ballard – Neighbourhood Watch.
Ricky Valance – Scarecrow Committee.
Guy Ravine – Bowls Club.
OSH – No report received.

The Chair thanked all of the representatives for attending & sharing their achievements.

Meeting closed at 20.10pm.

Normal Meeting held after the Parish Meeting with a reduced agenda.

Present & Apologies:

The same as those who are listed at the beginning of this newsletter.

Public: 4.

A member of the public reported that Larkhall Lane is not wide enough for the size of the traffic which is exiting the village & vehicles are having to mount the verges in order to pass.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Letters have been sent out to land owners about their ditches being full of debris. These potentially cause blockages & flooding. This matter will now be referred to Highways. No reply has been received regarding Larkhall Way, so it will now be followed up with pictures being sent.

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Dog Bins:

No-one has come forward with a possible suggestion of a position for the additional dog bin to be put in, so the council have decided that it will be placed in Garners Way – the Chair will locate a position for it.

Neighbourhood Plan:

An open day is being planned for May 14th & 15th. This weekend will see consultations on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan & the Local Plan which consists of village confines & green spaces.

See the notice boards for updated details.

Highways:

Meetings are held in the village hall, once a month on the last Monday of the month, unless it is a Bank Holiday.

Any problems please report to the Clerk.

Villagers are reminded NOT to put garden rubbish including grass cuttings into the ditches & waterways.

Planning:

Following a meeting to discuss an application for Junction 16, the council put in a report to SNC. A copy of this can be downloaded from the HAT website or from Sarah Eason.

Thank you to all parishioners who attended the meeting & to those who sent their concerns in to SNC either via the printed copy sent to all householders or other means. There was 620 replies from Kislingbury & Harpole, recorded on the SNC website.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is on Monday May 9th – this is the Annual General Meeting.

The next Highways meeting is on Monday April 25th.

All members of the public are invited & welcomed to attend any Parish Council Meeting.

If you have a problem about the village or its surrounding areas, come along & let us try to sort it out for you.

Copies of minutes are on the PC Notice Board outside the Old School Hall and can be also be requested from the Clerk.

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