

Hartpury Parish Council

2 Knights Way

Newent

Hartpury Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30pm on the 23rd April 2018 at Hartpury Village Hall

Present:

Alastair McGhee, Rob Gregory, Sylvia Gibbs, Darren Elmslie, Dave Zeal, Roger Houldey, Vicky Roberts (Clerk). 22 members of the public were present.

The meeting was chaired by Alastair McGhee and the minutes were taken by the Clerk.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed those present and the meeting opened at 7.30pm

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Rob Gregory.
Liz Ledger, Eileen Magee, Terry Flemons, Esme Jones.

3. Report from County Councillor

Councillor Brian Robinson attended the meeting and gave a report on several matters, a copy is attached.

4. Report from District Councillor

Councillor Philip Burford gave a report to the meeting on several matters including affordable housing, the new Cabinet, Boundary Commission Review, planning enforcement, accidents on Murrells Lane. Philip also made the meeting aware that he is unable to help with Highways and draining matters as these are the responsibility of the County Council.

5. Report from Police

The PCSOs was unable to attend due to work schedule – a copy of the Newent Neighbourhood Policing Team Report is attached and will be made available on the Parish Council website.

6. Clerks' Financial statement

The Clerk read out the financial position of the Council including the income and expenditure, a copy is attached.

7. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a report at the meeting on the activities of the Parish Council, a copy is attached.

8. Reports from local groups

Drama Group – Lucy Barker attended the meeting and gave a report for the Drama Group, a copy is attached.

Little Oaks Nursery - were unable to attend.

Primary School- Mr Simon Millington attended the meeting and gave a report on behalf of Hartpury School. After introducing himself Simon went on to advise that there are currently 104 students on roll with a maximum allowed of 105. The attainment and progress of the students has been good this year and the SATA predictions are looking good too. Simon explained about the ideas of the school with the 'outside education' where students can use the outdoors to enhance their learning of subjects – the students recently designed bridges and then were able to physically cross over them outside in the school grounds.

The school is active with cookery and planting – the fruit and vegetables that are grown are cooked at School.

There is an individualised and balanced education and curriculum in place and the School benefits from having great parental support.

Friends of the Primary School – Mr Simon Millington gave a brief report on behalf of the friends advising that the support of the parents on this essential group provides luxuries for the students that would otherwise not be possible. The School are aiming to purchase a large greenhouse to enable the fruit, vegetables and plants to be grown all year round. There is a promised auction on the 19th May to help with fund-raising.

Historic Buildings Trust – PCC United Charity – Jim Chapman was unable to attend, a report was submitted which was read out by the Chair, a copy is attached.

Methodist Church – Beverley Powlesland gave a report on behalf of the Methodist Church, a copy is attached.

Hartpury Church – Mary McGhee attended the meeting and gave a report for Hartpury Church, a copy is attached.

Dementia Awareness Enabler – Sarah Davies attended the meeting as the Community Dementia Enabler and gave a brief report to the meeting. Sarah was pleased to advise that the group has been funded for a second year and will continue the great work that they are doing in the Community. So far 51 sessions have been held reaching 660 people and from this 51 people are now undertaking further training to be able to work in the Community. The group are working with Schools and have so far interacted with 167 pupils, other clubs they work with include churches, doctors, sports clubs and memory cafes.

The health bus will be in the Village on the 23rd May and will be situated outside the Prince of Wales, dementia week is 21st to 25th May 2018.

Three major businesses are training or have trained all their staff on Dementia – Jewsons, Hales and Beechams.

Hartpury College – Russell Marchant, Principle attended the meeting and gave a report on behalf of Hartpury College, a copy is attached.

WI – attended the meeting and gave a report for the WI which is currently flourishing with 40 members undertaking activities such as gardening, scrabble club, supporting the riders with disabilities at Hartpury College, local rambles and selling items at the meetings. The WI will soon be celebrating their 100th Anniversary.

Village Hall – Ken Jollans attended the meeting and gave a report on the Village Hall, a copy is attached

Youth Club – T Flemons was unable to attend the meeting, a report was submitted and read out by the Chair, a copy is attached.

Marlowe – Were unable to attend a meeting, no report was received.

Milefest – David and Rebecca Hill attended the meeting and gave a report regarding Milefest this year and the fundraising that has been carried out including an event held at the Royal Exchange which raised £619. All volunteers work free and sponsors would be appreciated if there is any interest.

Walking for Health – Susan Gregory attended and gave a report for the Walking for Health Group, a copy is attached.

Parish Lift Sharing Scheme – Sandy Moller was unable to attend a report was sent in and read out by the Chairman, a copy is attached.

Staunton and Corse PPG – Sue Knox attended the meeting and gave a report, a copy is attached.

9. Public Question Time

Dr Huckvale asked for clarification on what the next steps are with regard to the accidents on Murrells Lane and the preventions that have been discussed and how this will be co-ordinated between the District Council, County Council, Hartpury College and the Parish Council.

Dr Huckvale was advised that Russell Hartpury College) will liaise with the Parish Council with regard to speed indicator devices that could be placed along the lane. Cllr Brian Robinson is to investigate the installation of chevrons on the worst of the bends and reflective signage as in the dark the road is not always clear.

The Parish Council are to ask Andrew Middlecote, the Highways Manager, to come and meet with Russell at the College so that they can look at the lane with a view to the best way forward to prevent further accidents.

The litter around the parish was discussed and it was advised that a Parish clean-up is due to take place in April or May. This is to be added to the Agenda for the May Parish Council meeting for discussion. Cllr Burford advised that he may be able to help with litter pickers, gloves and bags and to contact him once more details are known.

It was asked if the new Speed Indicator Devices will be out on the Main Road soon and it was advised that this is the intention. Cllr B Robinson is to arrange for additional poles to be out in place for the devices to be out up.

The area of road near the BP garage was discussed due to the high number of accidents in this area, it was advised that hopefully the Speed Indicator Device will be placed in this area to monitor speeds so these can be submitted to Highways and the Police.

It is unsure if the new mast is working as some feels signal has improved but others are not experiencing any improvement. The Chairman and Clerk will try to find out the status of the mast and will report back through an Ordinary Parish Council meeting.

Please support Victor and the Post Office as much as possible so that the Post Office is not lost as has happened in Staunton as this would be a huge loss to the Village.

10. Closure of Meeting

The chairman thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 9.10pm