

Minutes of the 5th Annual Parish Meeting
of
CHIPPING WARDEN and EDGCOTE PARISH COUNCIL
held on
Tuesday 9th April 2013 at 7.30p.m.
at
Chipping Warden Village Hall

Present: -

Councillors: - N Galletly Chairman
D Cross Vice Chairman
C Brooke P Brown H Gairdner D Hussey V Woodford
SNC Mrs Sergison-Brooke
Public 15 Members
Clerk L Stanley
Apologies N Meades, R Woodford (PC) K Melling (NCC) Mrs R Herring (SNDC)

WELCOME – The Chairman, N Galletly welcomed everyone to the meeting

PARISH AWARDS – There were nominations in both Adult and Children's awards this year and the winners were announced: -

ADULT - Mr Ivan Banister had been nominated for his service to the village in providing access to an area on the airfield during term time as a car park for the school. This has meant that parents' cars need no longer be an obstruction on the busy A361.

CHILD – Harry Horrocks had been nominated for his achievements with the Banbury Bulls Rugby Team. He has been nominated for Oxfordshire trials and the team are among the top ten U12's in the country.

1. COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Unfortunately, Ken Melling is unable to attend the meeting due to ill health, but he had supplied his proposed address and this is appended to the minutes.

Due to the boundary changes, Mr Melling will no longer be representing this parish and thanks for his involvement and hard work will be passed on to him together with best wishes for the future.

SNDC COUNCILLOR – Mrs Sergison-Brooke offered Mrs Herring's apologies. Both Councillors have been working hard on behalf of the parish, especially with regard to HS2. SNC set aside £50k for the appeals, which unfortunately were lost with the exception of the "Mitigation" clause, which was found to be flawed. There will be another appeal but SNC cannot afford to fund this with more cash, but will supply 'office time' to assist with the appeal. The courts found that the scheme was 'in the national interest'.

For another year, the SNC council tax has not gone up and economies are being sought through efficiencies.

The SNC's Local Plan has not yet been finalised, as it should be made in conjunction with Daventry District Council. This needs to be done as a matter of urgency since the absence of the plan leaves a worrying 'window of opportunity' for developers to submit planning applications that would not be allowed under the new plans.

Refuse collections will be reduced to four days per week to allow vehicle repairs on Mondays. June will see the introduction of a third wheelie bin and some changes to the rounds.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the District Councillors for their efforts and asked for thanks to be passed to SNC, as this parish has a good working relationship with its officers, unlike NCC with whom it is difficult to build a good interaction.

The SNC planning department is short staffed but now has a new Enforcement Officer who is very keen to bring everything right up to date although there is a significant backlog.

3. REPORT of the PARISH COUNCIL

The main report had been circulated to all residents and the status of HS2 was raised. There is little to report and Mrs Sergison-Brooke has given the SNC's involvement in her report. The property consultation was thrown out as illegal and there will be another chance to respond to it. The new consultation might include details of the 'property bond'. There is to be a construction compound on the airfield but the exact location is not known. Mr Banister (landowner) stated that he had received no further communication on this matter. There will be an electricity sub-station on top of the green tunnel, which will involve access roads. HS2 Ltd has been asked if the 'bypass' required during construction could be extended and made permanent. Culworth Road has been subject to several changes in route and this has not been finalised. The local Community Forums have been stopped because they were not informative – many questions arising could not be answered. By the end of the year, the Hybrid Bill will be before Parliament and then HS2 will be unstoppable.

There were no further questions arising.

4. FINANCE – the accounts had been circulated with the above reports; there were no questions arising.

5. QUESTIONS ON VILLAGE REPORTS

The reports from the Village Organisation's had been previously circulated. There were two additions: -

Sports Club – "Godfrey's Quiz" raised £400 for Help For Heroes.

WI – The funds raised by the annual Carol Evening may be used towards the purchase of a defibrillator. Various locations for this to be held are being considered and the cost is approximately £1000. The Chairman asked for more information to be passed to the Clerk to enable the Parish Council to discuss funding, storage, location and responsibilities.

There were no questions arising.

6. QUESTION TIME

Mr Nash is the Tower Captain of St Peter & St Paul Church. The bells are now back in situ and have been rededicated; there will be an opportunity to view the bells and discuss learning the art of bell ringing on Saturday 20th April. He thanked everyone for their support, especially the Church's PCC.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.15.

Chairman's Signature.....Date.....