

Minutes of the 6th Annual Parish Meeting
of
CHIPPING WARDEN and EDGCOTE PARISH COUNCIL
held on
Tuesday 29th April 2014 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 N Meades
 V Woodford

SNC Mrs Sergison-Brooke
Public 36 Members
Clerk L Stanley
Apologies Ian Morris (NCC) & Mrs R Herring (SNDC)

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

1. PARISH AWARDS – Following the circulation of the Agenda, two nominations were received and approved at an informal council meeting: -

Antony Nash for his work in assisting with the repair and rehangng of the Church Bells.
Kathleen Hoggins for her neighbourliness.

2. COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Ian Morris gave his apologies for being unable to attend this meeting and sent his report, which was circulated with the agenda (attached)

SNDC COUNCILLOR – Mrs Sergison-Brooke offered Mrs Herring’s apologies.
SNC has been working closely with Parish Councils and South Northants came 3rd in the table of ‘most desirable residency’.

Ms Herring has been active in her support for those against HS2 in the area. SNC will also petition against HS2 but can only do so regarding noise levels, design control, line height etc and not against any specific local problems. The Chairman explained that HS2 puts the line on a map to mark the land corridor for the line and it is left to engineering to finalise the height of the line. Some areas are going to petition for a drop in height

At a recent meeting, Mrs Brooke was asked if Chipping Warden would be able to find someone willing to train as a “1st Responder” for the village. Nicky Bellamy might be interested and will make the necessary enquiries.

New refuse bins have been successful and much more of SNC waste is recycled. The meeting were supportive of the new bins.

A member of the public asked how the link between Towcester and Cherwell was working. Mrs Brooke said that it was working well and has assisted in cost cutting.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the District Councillors for their efforts.

3. REPORT of the PARISH COUNCIL

The main report had been circulated to all residents.

SNC & NC are supportive of a permanent bypass for the village; NC will consider carrying out the building if HS2 Ltd will provide finance. This is still under discussion.

The Hybrid Bill was approved by Parliament last night and now HS2 is on the Statute Book.

A map showing proposal for bypass was on display and the Chairman was prepared to discuss any questions after the meeting.

As mentioned in the report, the Parish Council is now the owner of the play area; this means that a portion of this could cover the need for a new burial site.

There were no further questions arising.

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

The Precept is shown as a higher figure than in the budget; this is due to a 'new homes grant' that was included with the precept monies.

5. QUESTIONS ON VILLAGE REPORTS

The reports from the Village Organisation's had been previously circulated and there were no questions arising.

6. QUESTION TIME

Q. Mrs Heath asked why the Parish Council was so negative when asked for support regarding the defibrillator and why no reply was given to the WI.

A. Mr Galletly replied that, after investigations had been made around other villages and advice sought from a doctor, the issue was discussed at length by the Parish Council. The meeting then felt that the logistics were not good to install this in the village and that further research, and plans, should be made. It was considered not to be in the best interest of the council to get involved at this stage but it also offered to meet any shortfall in the fundraising for this and offered support if required. A verbal reply was given to the WI immediately following the Parish Council's decision.

Q. Mrs Bellamy asked about the future of the play area and she believed that Mr Allen had pledge to assist with this.

A. The Chairman said that Mr Allen was in the hall as was the Cricket Captain. They will meet to discuss this matter.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00.

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