

**Minutes of the 8th Annual Parish Meeting of
CHIPPING WARDEN and EDGCOTE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 7.30p.m. at
Chipping Warden Village Hall**

Present: -

Councillors: - N Galletly - Chairman D Cross – Vice Chairman
 C Brooke P Brown N Douglas
 H Gairdner D Hussey V Woodford

SNC Cllr MA Sergison-Brooke
Clerk L Stanley
Apologies N Meades Cllr R Herring
Public 35 Members

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

2. PARISH AWARDS – There has been one nomination this year – Mrs Inez Ronaldson - for about thirty years she has supplied the Village news to the Banbury Guardian. She has also been active in the W.I., Village Hall Trust and a helper at the monthly Whist Meetings.

Mrs Ronaldson was presented with the trophy.

3. SNDC COUNCILLOR, Cllr M.A.Sergison-Brooke

Mrs Sergison-Brooke said that she was very pleased to attend and went on to give a comprehensive report to the meeting. The main points concerned: -

- a) The Community Charge which has been raised for the first time in 5years; this has meant only a £5 increase. There is a 99% collection of Community Charge, lowest unemployment and the best recycling record making SNC an excellent district,
- b) Brackley is to have a new swimming pool at the leisure centre
- c) Proposed closures at the Horton Hospital have been campaigned against by her colleague Councillor, Mrs Herring.
- d) Planning regulations now has a paragraph stating that “All large structures must be sympathetic to the surrounding area”.
- e) The new Local Plan will impact on planning permissions for the next 10years.
- f) Chipping Warden bypass will be done before commencement of HS2. Councillor Ian Morris has been very supportive at County Council as has Andrea Leadsom, MP in the Commons.
- g) Oxfordshire CC is looking to become a **Unity Trust?** and this would include Cherwell. As SNC is linked with Cherwell, this will have an impact for this area.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Sergison-Brooke for her attendance and report.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Unfortunately, Ian Morris was unable to attend.

4. REPORT of the PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman’s report had been circulated to all residents along with the invitation to the meeting.

5. FINANCE

The accounts had been circulated with the above reports. There were no questions arising from the accounts, only a query about some missing figures in the 2016/7 Actual column. This must have been a ‘cut and paste’ error that was missed on proofing.

6. Hs2 Update

HS2 has now received the Royal Assent so will now go ahead.

Despite petitions, Culworth Road will eventually be closed but, meanwhile, construction traffic will use it to access the building of the south portal and not the Welsh Lane as requested. This will mean an increase in traffic along the Culworth Road. HS2 claim that currently there are 125 vehicle movements per day along Culworth Road and that there could be an additional 118 vehicles of which only two would be HGVs. The majority being workers entering or leaving and light vans. The construction vehicles on the A361 will be limited to 500 large lorries each way per day during construction of the railway.

FUSION will be the firm caring out the enabling works in our area – dealing with environmental issues such as ponds, newts, tree plantings, minor road junction improvements and construction compound creation. There will also be some archaeological work at Blackgrounds and Edgcote when the plan is to include the local school children. There was a meeting with Fusion who currently have not been instructed to develop anything related to the bypass, so there is a slim possibility that the railway construction could now start before the bypass is complete.

The design of the bypass should be ready by the end of September (but FUSION are yet to be instructed to work on the design) and the Parish Council has asked to be included in the early stages to provide local knowledge. If this progresses to plan then the bypass could be started spring 2018.

Parish Council are also pushing for overall designs for portals, bridges and buildings to be in keeping with our local area and are particularly concerned about the design of gantries to carry powerlines for the railway. These are not considered part of the DESIGN by Hs2, they are considered to be parts of the OPERATIONAL infrastructure. This issue is being monitored closely.

There is no further information about the proposed compound to the north of the village.

There is £40m in a Community Environment fund (£15m earmarked for our area from Buckingham to Southam). Applications must be made and more than one claim can be made.

All current information, including maps, is available at www.chippingwarden.org

7. PLAY AREA

This issue is covered in the report and there were no further questions.

8. QUESTIONS on Other Topics in Reports

School, Mrs Nicky Bellamy, chair of the Chipping Warden Academy Managers was asked to present the report. She apologised for the report being too late for the printer.

An OFSTED inspection took place in May 2015 and the school was deemed to be 'good'. Year 6 recently came in the top 1% nationally and received a letter from the Education Minister.

They have also just received a gold award for sports.

Each term the whole school works to a theme, rainforest, Artic and this term it will be stone age.

Future plans include upgrading the main hall as it is not big enough for the numbers – currently just under 90.

Bus shelter opposite Rose and Crown will be refurbished during this year and the light will be re-instated.

Village confines do not include Edgcote as this is a privately owned estate. The village confines or 'envelope' has very slight changes to the boundaries, but this is being monitored.

Village website should be up this year and all organisations in the village will be able to update it with news.

Rose and Crown is owned by RAMAC and despite the council's many approaches they have not made any statements as to the future plans for the building. Heritage organisations have no powers to intervene unless the deterioration escalates.

9. GENERAL QUESTIONS and ANSWERS.

Dog fouling has reduced over recent years but is once again on the increase. Parish Council will again review this issue.

Allens Orchard roads and paths are very poor. The chairman has already spoken to Councillor Morris who is investigating. It may help if residents make their own protest by repeated pressure on Highways as did Arbury Banks – that road is now in very good order.

Airfield footpaths have been restricted. This is to try and prevent motor cyclists from using the area for racing.

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

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