

**Minutes of the 8th Annual Parish Meeting of
CHIPPING WARDEN and EDGCOTE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Tuesday 10th April 2018 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

NCC Cllr Ian Morris

SNC Cllr MA Sergison-Brooke

Clerk L Stanley

Apologies N Douglas Cllr R Herring

Public 50+ Members

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

2. Hs2 Ltd and Contractors

The presentation had been open from 6 pm to 7.30 pm and many residents attended, then remaining for this meeting. The presenters introduced themselves: -

Fusion Lorraine Kelly

 Steve Beech

 Tim Nobel

EK Chris James

 Ann Walker

Hs2 Nisha Mejer

F Tuthill: - just one question – why are we having Hs2? No one wants it!

A: - Hs2 has been through all rules for planning, consultations and it's response was discussed in Parliament and is now on the Statue Book.

N Bellamy: - residents want a 30mph along the relief road urgently.

A: - Hs2 support this request but the final word will come from Highways

D Wincott: - need to ensure that drivers do not use Hogg End the wrong way; she was knocked down recently.

J Prince: - Can traffic be limited along Hogg End especially during construction period?

A: -These issues will be considered very carefully.

Hs2: - The bends in Wardington are to be straightened out and calculation show that two HGVs will be able to pass each other comfortably once work completed.

M Beckett: - Will HGVs be able to use haul route along rail track?

A: - Yes it is in the plan that the haul route will be utilised as much as possible.

K Josephs: - will the noise barrier go along the back of the Appletree Road house as well as by Allens Orchard?

A: - Yes, final design to be agreed, but it will probably be 2 metre high timber with landscaping.

I Bannister: - Have the plans for water drainage off the airfield been planned yet? This is a great concern as there is considerable water due to the amount of concrete in this area.

A: - Not yet, but everyone is aware of this issue and full drainage planning is known to be urgent.

There will drop in sessions in the village hall before work starts – one on May 8th from 11 – 2 and another in June from 2 – 8 (date tba)

3. PARISH AWARDS – There have been two nominations this year and the trophies were presented as follows: -

The Kindergarten has achieved “outstanding in all Areas” following its Ofsted inspection; all the staff have helped to make this possible. The fabric of the building and the outside area is very good. It is great asset and has enhanced the reputation of to the village.

Mrs Lucy Cullen, Kindergarten Manager, was presented with the trophy on behalf of the Kindergarten and thanked the Parish Council for the award.

The Hon. Mrs Sergison-Brooke has served this area as our District Councillor since 1983 and is now shortly due to retire. She has work tirelessly on behalf of this parish and has always been very supportive and helpful to the Parish Council and any resident seeking her advice.

The Chairman said that she will be missed and presented her with the rose bowl. Mrs Brooke thanked everyone for this unexpected award. However, due to the uncertain future of NCC, she may not be retiring for another two years!

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mr Ian Morris told the meeting that he thought the Parish Award to Mrs Brooke was very well deserved; he has worked with Mrs Brooke for some time and has seen her commitment to SNC and the residents in her parishes.

He went on to give a report on the problems experienced by NCC and explained how busy the year had been. He asked for questions: -

Roads – there is no way that NCC has enough money to repair ALL the potholes over the county following the worst winter for many years. Even grants from the government's discretionary fund will deal with the bad surfaces as the number of category 1 and 2 potholes are easily double those of last year.

The money for the relief road will be unaffected as it has been ring-fenced.

Education – this will not be affected by NCC problems as this is funded by central government not county.

His full report is an addendum to these minutes.

SNDC COUNCILLOR

Mrs Sergison-Brooke said one issue that contributed towards NCC difficulties was it's attempt to keep tax down. If SNC, Daventry and Northampton do become a Unitary Council it will be a poor region and tax may go up by 10p per week.

Currently, SNC is joined with Cherwell and when the commissioners have made their recommendations this may have to be cancelled.

Waste collections are also being reviewed and there may be a charge for green bin waste. SNC is one of the 8th best recyclers in the country with 61% of waste being recycled.

SNC follows it's design code, ensuring that design of new build retains the ethos of the existing buildings. The Local Plans have been reviewed and there have been some minor changes to the parish's envelope. SNC's plan spans 5years and to avoid building developers attempting to push planning for new sites especially in the villages, this be changed to 10years.

The New Homes Grant is available to assist with community halls, sports clubs etc within villages where a `site' is approved.

SNC has invested £4million in the new swimming pool in Brackley and is almost completed.

She closed by thanking the Parish Chairman, Councillors and Clerk for their hard work.

5. REPORT of the PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman's report had been circulated to all residents along with the invitation to the meeting and he expanded on issues raised from the report and also at the Hs2 presentation.

Concern has been expressed that building may start on the land between relief road and the Appletree Road homes; he confirmed that there are no plans for this.

There will be an increase in HGVs during the period of work on the "heave" near Boddington. Application has been made to Oxfordshire CC to use the road onto the Southam road rather than through Boddington, Aston-le-Walls and Chipping Warden and thus over two small bridges. The "heave" is dug out and a concrete roadway built down the middle to measure the amount of movement in the soil so that when the work starts on the railway there will be a fuller understanding of the conditions.

Thames Water met with Parish Council recently to discuss all aspects of its work due May to August this year. It is not an increase in size to accommodate more housing but an upgrade to the chemical treatment in line with EA directives. They are committed to keeping

inconvenience to residents to a minimum but there will be increase traffic to and from the site; they will engage with those most affected nearer the time.

6. FINANCE

The accounts had been circulated with the above reports; the Chairman said that the reserves were gradually being reduced to enable the parish precept to be kept to a minimum.

Rent contribution is paid to the Sports Club when the invoice is received, however, the Parish Council assisted them with payment for gravel for the car park in lieu.

7. PLAY AREA

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

8. QUESTIONS on Other Topics in Reports – there were no further questions

9. GENERAL QUESTIONS and ANSWERS.

This year will be centenary of the Armistice and Mr T Smith has an idea to commemorate this. His letter had been discussed by the Parish Council and investigations have been started. The bus shelter is not the dedicated war memorial; these are in the Church and have been dedicated at the end of both wars and list the names of the servicemen who lost their lives. There will be further discussion between interested parties.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45.

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