

**Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting of  
CHIPPING WARDEN and EDGCOTE PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 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                              N Meades            V Woodford

**NCC**                      Cllr Ian Morris  
**SNC**                      Cllr R Herring  
**Clerk**                     L Stanley  
**Apologies**            Cllr MA Sergison-Brooke  
**Public**                    50+ Members

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

**2. Hs2 Ltd and Contractors and Gigaclear**

The presentations had been open from 6 pm to 7.30 pm and many residents attended, then remaining for this meeting: -

Q. How will traffic, especially HGVs. Be prevented from going through the village once relief road is completed?

A. There will be full signage to direct traffic, but it will still be a “road” through the village that will be open to traffic.

Q. Dawnus were responsible for monitoring noise & light pollution, who will carry out that in the future?

A. This has been reallocated to Fusion and complies with design specifications.

Q. Has the speed on the relief road been decided yet?

A. The architect could be invited to the next drop-in session.

Q. How long a delay will Dawnus exit cause?

A. 3 companies have been asked to tender, these must be in by 28<sup>th</sup> April, then analysed.

The website will be up dated as soon as there is any further news.

Q. Will start/finish of bypass delay Hs2?

A. No as temporary road could be used for construction vehicles.

Metal barriers – can’t be removed as areas are still construction site.

Target date remains as soon as possible.

Thanks to everyone who attended the drop-in.

There were no further questions for Gigaclear.

**3. PARISH AWARDS** – There has been one nomination this year and the trophy was presented to Stanley Swaysland. The nomination was “for sporting achievements particularly whilst battling his illness. He came 45 out of 300 plus in cross country in March, plus plays football, rugby etc.”

**4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR  
SNDC COUNCILLOR**

**Mrs Herring** gave a very comprehensive report on the year’s work of SNC.

Voting- due to restructure of NCC, there will no election this year for District & Parish Councillors.

Best place-this area has once again been voted as one of the best places to live.

Brackley pool is now open & Towcester is undergoing refurbishment.

Unitary – we were working well with Cherwell when the Government Inspectors were called and this has had to be unravelled. The Inspectors have been very helpful and the outcome will be the County split into 2 Unitary Councils, but it could take several years to settle into place.

Q. What was the cost to send out the letters concerning the calculation error in the Council Tax?

A. Not sure of exact figure but it was expensive but it had to be done. Will find details. "I have been told that the cost of this error was between £15,000 and £20,000. We use a contract for bulk delivery of post and it was our own staff who worked to correct the situation. It was most regrettable and was caused by using the wrong part of the computer program apparently."

Q. Where will new Unitary Authority be based?

A. Not sure yet but it will be kept local.

Her full report is an addendum to these minutes.

**Mr Ian Morris** gave a synopsis of work of the County Council during the last year and a brief outline of future plans.

Finance- improving now, aiming to get into black

Commissioners have been very good and helpful during this transition to a Unitary Authority.

Culworth Road closure – talks are still ongoing with regard to this.

Roads – he is aware of the bad condition of both Allens Orchard and Hogg End but reiterated his comments from last year that there is little chance of all the Counties potholes being repaired, but every effort will be made to deal with as many as possible.

Recycling- Northants has an excellent record for recycling and arrangements can be made to have separate items collected for which there is a charge.

The chairman thanked them and said it was good to have Mrs Sergison-Brooke, Mrs Herring and Mr Morris representing us, they have all been very supportive of this region.

## **5. REPORT of the PARISH COUNCIL**

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

## **6. FINANCE**

The accounts had been circulated with the above reports; the following questions were raised:-

Q. Why has the £1500 for "Steps re-instatement" been removed?

A. It was thought that the Steps might need specialist cleaning, but English Heritage has confirmed that this can be dealt with simply.

Q. Why include £500 in the budget for Hs2 when nothing was spent last years?

A. It is a contingency sum in case any issues arise that need council input.

## **7. PLAY AREA**

The proposal for a new play area have progressed since last year following a questionnaire to the whole village. The current play area will be used for new equipment for toddlers, children, adults and a landscaped area for the community. Grant applications are being made to SNC New Homes and Hs2 Community Fund.

There were plans and details for viewing at the back of the hall.

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

## **9. GENERAL** questions and answers – there were no further questions

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30.

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