

Thursday 21st April 2022

Annual Parish Open Meeting

Present:

Andy White	Chair of the Parish Council (PC)
Harry Morgan	Chair of the Village Hall Committee
Philippa Gasson.	Chair of the Appeals Fund Committee
Debbie Waterworth.	Acting Secretary of the Appeals Fund Committee

41 Villagers in Attendance

Agenda

Introduction

- AW-Chair welcomed everyone and set out the format of the Open Parish Meeting
- Apologies received from guest Jason Smithers, leader of North Northants Council and Ward Councillor

Approval of 2021 Minutes

- Minutes approved by all in attendance with no amendments.

Matters Arising

- AW-Chair provided update on Children's play area and explained that the PC had been unable to identify a suitable location and thus project had been shelved.
- Speed Monitoring; Has been placed in the wrong location on Deene Rd and currently sits within the unrestricted area, the PC have asked for this to be moved. Monitoring on Gretton Road showed that greater than 85% of traffic was within the speed limit.
- Waverley Blasting; Mick George Ltd have been instructed to stay within the terms of their agreement in terms of communication and blasting rates. This has been agreed.

Floor open to Questions

- Concerns were raised about the speeding on Seaton Road approaching the Church. A previous member of the PC confirmed it has been raised before by the PC. The suggestion of speed humps was also raised, however the cost would have to be covered by the PC and this is prohibitive. Other measures will be discussed with Highways.
- A resident asked about grass cutting expenditure, the 5% increase in the precept and what were the main annual expenditure items of the PC. AW, Chair explained that the main costs were grass cutting, Clerk's salary and street lighting. Any surplus at the end of the year went towards the finances set aside for the extension to the burial ground. The accounts are available for all to see on the village website.
- Concerns were expressed about the quality of the Gretton Road surface, previous works carried out by Anglian Water and Gigiclear have sunk. The PC have made representations to the council not to patch but to resurface. All villagers were reminded to use Street Dr to report any issues with the roads and pavements.
- A few residents asked for an update on the proposed Flagpole. The Chair explained the process; seeking preplanning advice followed by consultation with the village before a

decision is made whether to go forward with the project and seek planning approval. Concerns were raised by some about the noise and visual impact.

20 is Plenty Speed Awareness Campaign

- Parish Councillor Simon McClean explained the campaign and local successes in Weldon. The attendees gave strong support to the idea of wheelie bin stickers which will be useful in supporting our case to reduce traffic speed through our village.

Chair handed over to Harry Morgan, Chair of Village Hall Trustees

- Introductions of Trustees
- HM summarises 2021 minutes and these are approved.
- Review of mission and objectives

HM handed over to Chris Merryman VHC Treasurer

- Highlights and updates including
- Policies and building maintenance
- Investments
- Events review
- Treasurer Report
- Government Grant and how it will be spent on community projects and supporting the roof fund.
- £34,080 total accounts which includes £17,667 in Government Grants.
- One resident raised concern about events conducted via VHC and the Appeals Fund, this was supported by Ian Saunders.
- Reappointment of trustees proposed by Susie Lugg and seconded by Lynn Saunders
- AOB
- Alan Wordie and Liz Mitchell said 'thank you' on behalf of the community.

Andy White - PC Chair handed over to Philippa Gasson Chair of the Appeals Fund Committee

- Separate Minutes.

Andy White Closes the Open Parish Meeting and thanks given to all the committees and the residents in attendance.



Andrew White
Chair Parish Meeting
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