

CHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING

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Chairman - Cllr Mike Mitchell

Notes from the Cherington Annual Parish Meeting held on May 26th 2021 at Cox's Farm

Apologies were extended by Cllr Stephen Hirst and by SPCO Sue Fellows

All council members and the clerk were present – from members of the public, representatives of the Village Hall committee, the Cricket Club & the Summer Show committees were in attendance.

1. Cllr Mitchell opened the meeting and shared some facts about the progress of the council in the last year, including reference to the changes recently made at Aston Farm – and the situation in respect of signage, the bend into the village and the purchase of the telephone box. The clerk shared statistics on paper reflecting that since the last AM the council has agreed and filed Finance and Precept materials for two years' operations, considered three full and eleven adjunct planning applications, met on fourteen occasions, updated the Village Emergency Plan and Winter Plan, tracked many Highways movements, including road repairs, and applied for new signage and the repair of six road signs. (The process is ongoing.) Recently, there have also been three applications for fly tipping sites to be cleared.

County Councillor's Report

Since Cllr Hirst was unavailable, a handout of the information: GCC budget figures for 2020 / 2021 was shared and referenced by the meeting.

Village Hall Report – Cllr Mitchell thanked the members of the Village Hall Committee for all their recent hard work and accepted their report. Wendy Eldridge, previously the main custodian of the Hall along with Hilary, has moved to Cirencester and Zac Curtis and Alison Sharpe have also stepped down after many years of support. The meeting welcomed three trustees into their post: Kate Gegg, Camilla Trotter and Harriet Ianson, who will join Kevin McMahon. The committee reported that the hall is now fully open, with the necessary risk assessments, hand sanitisers and Covid compliance measures all in place. The dishwasher has arrived and a new door complete with keypad has been ordered. The Trustees are now registering the land and drafting a model hiring agreement. Once in place, these measures will allow some planned fundraising to take place.

Police Report

We received apologies from the PCSO staff of Gloucestershire Constabulary. Information on arrangements and crime levels were posted for us, though, to the website www.adt.co.uk/crime-on-my-area - which was shared as handout information. The clerk mentioned a scheduled ZOOM meeting with Superintendent Kath Davis which was undertaken; comments from Harriet Ianson and other members of the group were shared. The materials from the meeting are available on the parish website.

Village Issues – update Some aspects of the Chairman’s earlier remarks were revisited and expanded; opinions were sought in respect of the use the Telephone Box.

Open Forum – Zac Curtis shared some details which pertain to the Summer Show meeting of the 19th September and that the attendance of Tetbury Lions should ease parking problems. All attendees and indeed all villagers were exhorted to try and help to ensure that this year’s show will be the best yet.

Richard shared some less positive news about the Cricket Club, which following increased difficulties in attracting members now seems to be in danger of folding this season. The committee resolved to share information via the parish council as and when things changed – or if they are formalised.

Addendum Council Items/Minutes:

AM 1: Councillor Workman was kind enough to co-sign cheque number 309 for the sum of £243.63 in favour of the Council’s asset insurance.

AM 2: As a follow-up to the examination of financial materials for year end at the May meeting and referenced in the meeting minute 29/3/21 of the May Council Meeting, Cllr Mitchell and the clerk completed the AGAR declaration for 2020/21, declaring the Council’s intention to continue application for exemption under P.2PM as Councils income/expenditure does not exceed £25,000.

AM 3: As part of the AGAR exercise, parties reviewed the accounting statements.

AM 4: Accounting Statements were then certified.

There being no further matters for discussion and since the evening was becoming overcast, the Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at .32 pm