

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the Community Hall on Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 7p.m.

Present: Messrs Thornton (Chairman), McGarry, Shepherd-Cross, Dr Peat and Mrs Lewis.

Also present. Mrs Gilpin, Mr Ryall, Mr Deakin and Mr Jenkins.

Apologies: Received from Mrs Fulljames (County Councillor) and Mr Corkin

1. Minutes of last meeting agreed and signed.

2. Matters Arising; - none to report.

Mr Thornton read out a letter received from Mr Corkin in which he had given his resignation as a Parish Councillor following his recent success whilst standing for District Councillor, our congratulations to Ian on his new role – he will be missed as a Parish Councillor – his diligence during our recent two inquiries, Incinerator and Windfarm, the Flooding in Fewcott and lately his help whilst we became Lead Council for the Neighbourhood Plan are just some of his efforts on behalf of the village

3. Group Reports:

Parish Council; Chairman reported on another productive year, The Neighbourhood Plan, Viridor and the lighting problem with the incinerator. Agrivert – site is quiet at present with no complaints to date, liaison meetings down to twice a year. Mrs Lewis commented on the lighting which is still being monitored as it is still said to be 'too heavy', debris in the road has been cleared. Although operational since October the official opening of the incinerator is July. The proposal for a warehouse on land near J10/M40 needs to be watched carefully – if it is agreed to go ahead there could be a 'knock on' effect with others joining. The Neighbourhood Plan will need another Parish Councillor to take the place of Ian - (Chairman and Mr Shepherd-Cross will stand in for the interim)

Rural Housing; A disappointing year following the confirmation of an available site for 6/8 homes – we understand that people interested are not all registered with District Council – a must if they need to be considered. Notice has gone into the Three Parishes and, when all the new criteria following the general election is in place, we will, hopefully do another survey, Playing Field: no official report but we understand that there is movement on resurfacing the car park – and the new committee is getting actively involved with new ideas for the village – please see the newsletter.

Fewcott Charity; Better news this year on the investment – they are encouraging younger people to apply for grants to help with books for studies and anyone else with a need.

AFFECT; More trees have been planted, looking to place some seating in the 'Old Tip area' plus bird boxes in the wood and the project of a Footway between Ardley with Fewcott and Fritwell.

Parishioners Points; Vehicles parking on pavements appear to be getting worse – making it difficult for those with little or no sight, pushchairs, prams and wheelchairs, to get around the village. Although - parking on the road maybe seen as dangerous it also has the effect of slowing down traffic. Perhaps a word with P.C. Caroline Brown would be helpful. Some hedges in the village and along the Somerton Road by the smallholding are very overgrown and obscuring vision for traffic. County Council will clear and charge the owners of adjacent properties if they are unable to clear the growth themselves.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40p.m.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will immediately follow this one

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