

***Minutes of the Pitton and Farley Annual Parish meeting held on Wednesday
26th May 2021 at 7.30pm at Farley Village Hall.***

Present:

Cllr David Ball (Chairman)
Cllr Sarah Ackrill (Vice Chairman)
Cllr James Boswell
Cllr Clive Gutteridge

In attendance: Nadine Fortune, Parish Clerk

Also present: Wiltshire Councillor: Cllr Richard Britton and 2 members of the public

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30pm

1. To receive and approve the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 27th March 2019

No Annual Parish meeting was held in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic lockdown however minutes of the meeting held on 27th March 2019 were circulated. The Chairman was unable to sign them as a true record of proceedings as he was not on the Parish Council at the time.

[Action: Clerk to contact previous Chairman to ask for minutes to be signed retrospectively.](#)

2. A welcome from the Chairman and to receive the Annual Report from the Parish Council

The Chairman thanked all present for attending. Each Councillor was asked to introduce themselves and explain their role and plans for the year.

Cllr Boswell communicated his role as representative for the Flood Action Group and Pitton Village Hall.

Flood Action Group

- Cllr Boswell has spoken to members of the Group and watched the DVD showing the historic flood issues in Pitton.
- The Group awaits the report from the Environment Agency which may refer to potential solutions for flooding.

Pitton Village Hall

- Cllr Boswell has read through the documents sent to him by Tim Hawkes, Chair of the Pitton Village Hall Management Committee.
- It was communicated that over the last few years there have been discussions regarding expansion of the village hall. Extensions could be minor or major

depending on the demand and cost. At present the hall is used by the pre-school which restricts the use of the hall to anyone else on weekdays.

- Richard Britton confirmed that the cost of the Alderbury Village Hall expansion project was funded by the Public Works Loans Board. In Pitton the scope needs to be decided before fundraising is considered.

Cllr Ackrill communicated her role as representative for Farley Village Hall and Farley in general whilst we await co-opted candidates.

- At the recent flower festival, Cllr Ackrill spoke to many residents emphasising how the Parish Council remains committed to increasing its profile in Farley.
- There are no known issues with the use of the village hall currently.

Cllr Gutteridge explained his role as Health & Safety Representative, responsible for maintenance checks and asset monitoring

- Play area - last year this area was in a poor state and was out of bounds for a while. It has recently been maintained by a local contractor. Cllr Gutteridge will be carrying out monthly checks. [Action Clerk to arrange annual check, due August-September 2021](#)
- The asset register is to be checked and /signed off/updated.
- Traffic calming - data was previously collected outside the school in Pitton but was unreliable. The Parish Council has funds reserved for the purchase of Speed Information Devices and other Traffic Calming Measures.

Cllr Ball summarised his role as Recreation Representative.

- Ideas for improvements to the play area have been received from younger and older residents. Once all options have been collected there will be a public meeting to gauge the popularity of those ideas shortlisted. At this stage costed plans will be produced and funding options explored.

3. To receive a report from County Councillor Richard Britton

Summary

- Cllr Britton has resided in or near Alderbury since 2007. He was Chair of Alderbury Parish Council for 6/7 years then worked at Salisbury District Council from 2003-2009. In 2009 he became a Councillor for Wiltshire County Council. In the last year, Cllr Britton has been the Chair of various Committees and Boards but with his main role as Wiltshire Councillor covering Alderbury, The Grimsteads and Whiteparish. The area now extends to Pitton and Farley, Clarendon Park and West Dean also.
- With Richard Clewer as new Council leader, Cllr Britton is Chair of the Southern Planning Committee, Wiltshire Southern Area Community Board and the Pensions Committee.
- Wiltshire Council staff have responded incredibly well in the pandemic. New departments have been set up and many staff have moved locations/roles.
- The huge demand on adult social care and children's care remains the biggest budgetary pressure on the Council.

- Housing, fly-tipping, litter and anti-social behaviour issues dominate much of Cllr Britton's time.

4. To note the report from the Flood Action Group

- Chris Sankey reiterated previous concerns about funding.
- The Group has attended regular meetings with the Environment Agency. They are coming up with costs for solutions but it is yet unknown which authority covers these costs. [Action: The group to provide key dates and next steps with a report at the end of June.](#)
- A report summarising all actions to then be included at the Parish Council meeting in July

5. Financial Statement

The Clerk provided a financial summary:

On 31st March 2021 the bank balance was £25,568.41. This includes allocated reserves of approximately £18,500.. A number of items which were included in the precept were not started, largely because of delays enforced by the pandemic. These included development of a Neighbourhood Plan, and the purchase of a SID (Speed Indicator Device). The allocated reserves contain funds to support these items in the coming year, in addition to reserves to support flood mitigation in Pitton.

6. Questions from members of the public who are resident in Pitton and Farley.

Tim Hawkes, Chair of the Pitton Village Hall Management Committee, would like the Parish Council to consider the usage of the space near to the shop for a noticeboard. A reminder was given that notices are put in the bus shelter and are commonly seen by residents.

MEETING CLOSE The Chairman thanked all those who had attended and closed the meeting at 20.30

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