

Iwerne Minster Parish Council
Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Abingdon Hall on 25th April 2018

Present: Cllr J Hooper (Chairman), Cllr M Jones (Vice Chairman), Cllr P Le Prevost, Cllr C Nadin, Cllr K O'Connor. Cllr B O'Luanaigh

There were 22 Members of the Public

In attendance: Nicola Phillips - Clerk

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr A Evans

2. Report from Chairman of the Parish Council.

- The Chairman gave a review of the Parish Council's year. There were 14 planning applications received, the Parish Council supported 11, 3 were not supported.
- Thank you to the Neighbourhood Plan Committee for their hard work. It is unfortunate that the Plan did not go ahead.
- 20MPH project, very well done to those involved with the project, it is a great achievement for the village.
- Thank you to Cllr K O'Conner and the Snow Patrol volunteers for keeping the village safe in the bad weather, it is a credit to the village.
- The Parish Council has arranged for their own grass cutting schedule for the Village, as County Council do not cut the areas frequently enough to enable the Village to look at its best.
- It seems that the Parish Councils will be required to take on more of the services that County Council are reducing or even withdrawing in the future.
- Thank you to the Tuesday Club and the Speed Watch Team for their continued support and help for the village.
- Thank you to my fellow Councillors for their continued support. Thank you to the Clerk.

3. Statement on the Parish Council Accounts 2017/18.

The Clerk confirmed that the full accounts will be agreed at the meeting on the 30th April 2018. The account balance and that the Parish Council has managed the Parish's money very well. The accounts will be published on the website in May 2018.

4. Presentations and review of Village Organisations.

Abingdon Hall

- The Abingdon Hall committee have met four times this year.
- The Abingdon Hall has been allocated £800.00 from the Hall & Woodhouse Community chest, which will go towards supplying new tables.
- The outer wall near the gate has been repaired and the disabled sign has been fixed.
- There is now a power point on the gate for the Christmas Lights on the Chalk.
- The notice board that Andrew Domoney has given to the Hall has been put in place.
- The Christmas dinner was a great success and thank you to Sue Le Prevost who organised this event.
- The Committee are helping to organise the May Fete and the Open Gardens, with the Village Club and the Church. 18 people have come forward offering to open their gardens, it would be great to have some more.
- The 100 Club, which runs jointly with the Village Club is due for renewal in May, there will be a few spare numbers for new members.

Village Club

- The village club has had a busy and successful year, full of different activities. The aim of the club is for people to come along and enjoy themselves, which also helps with obtaining fund to continue with the upkeep and repairs for the Club.
- On every other Thursday, the Hub for the Church uses the Club and the snooker room and table tennis are used regularly.
- The members meetings are held monthly.
- The Petanque tournament had to be postponed due to back weather.
- The Club held their AGM in November, followed by a Dutch Supper, which was well supported.
- The Club received a new front in September, which cost £15000.00. Everyone has commented on how nice it looks. It has also now been agreed to add a porch and ramp to the front door.
- Fund raising will continue, in the hope of raising money to extend the kitchen area and more storage space.
- The Pantomime "Rumpelstiltskin" was very successful.
- The presentation of Iwerne Memorabilia will be given on June the 7th.

- The Club is hosting the May Fair, with support from Abingdon Hall and the Church.
- Thank you to the Committee and the village for their continued support.

St Mary's Church

- The Church has been involved with some great events, including the Harvest celebrations and the Flower Festival, Easter Sunday and the Remembrance Day parade.
- Thank you to the ladies who organise the Hub at the Village Club on every other Thursday, please come along and enjoy a chat, coffee and cake.
- It has worked well with the order of priests and services to ensure that each church could maintain one service every Sunday.
- The Church is in pretty good order and the Churchyard is being well maintained by Peter Watkins.
- The telecommunications project has come to a halt, as Vodafone have changed their mind on using the old aerials, they intend waiting until the new aerials are available before completing the project.
- The 300 year old Clock is still working well and the bells have been maintained with refurbished clappers. The Clarion but is working well.
- A re-order for the inside of the Church is being prepared and fundraising will continue to support this project.

Woman's Institute

- Activities for this year have been focussed on arts and crafts.
- A page of WI history was written for the Dorset centenary book.
- In September, Jenny Knight demonstrated decorative Willow Craft. In November, Caroline O'Brien gave a talk on hat making and in October Pam Goodall brought many historic dresses that she had made to show.
- Speaker also included Terry Payne, talking about the importance of bees, Di Castle on her life as a writer, Louise Talbot on cheese and Barry Graham on Rare Breeds. Bonnie Sartin entertained the group with song of Dorset and Roger Daniels with Magic.
- The Italian night was oversubscribed. The members also enjoyed a barbeque in June, summer tea party with entertainment by Ukulele Band (Shroton UKE Band), Christmas Lunch and a pancake supper.
- Several members attended the DFWI annual meeting.

Horticultural Association

- Had their 75th AGM in January, membership has once again increased, and Penny Marsh provided a superb programme of speakers and visits.
- Talks have ranged from Stourhead – "A living work of art" to The Falkland "Island of Kings", Tyrants and Giants.
- The 25% discount visit to Castle Gardens in April last year, with free delivery was a great opportunity to fill our trollies.
- The May outing to The Bishops Palace Gardens in Wells was excellent.
- A successful May Plant Sale took place last May, this year's sale will be on Saturday the 26th May at 10am in the Abingdon Hall.
- The Christmas Social was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Due to the success of the Summer Show, the Committee has been able to support Julia's House and the Air Ambulance. Feedback has indicated that the group is one of the best small horticultural shows in the area.
- Thank you to Castle Gardens Group Gold Club, a good day was had by all and many compliments were received, especially from the judges. An entry for Iwerne Minster in the Dorset Federation Show has been submitted.
- Thank you to the Committee member for all their help and support. Penny has prepared the 2018 programme, which is now in progress and anticipate seeing more new members joining.

Community Speed Watch-

- Iwerne CSW has been established for over 5 years. It was set up by the police with risk assessed sites, which must be 176 yards from the initial speed limit sign. The CSW team currently have 11 members, the team require at least 3 new members, so if you are interested in helping, please contact Geoff Peters on 01747 811546.
- The Team hold monthly roster meeting to plan for the following month's watches, usually 10 at varied times and for one hour. This information is then passed to the police, so they are aware of the date and time.
- Each team is usually of 4 volunteers, one clicking the number of vehicles, one with the laser gun and two recorders.
- The information is passed to the police, once a vehicle is detected at 36mph or more, the registration, make, model, colour and time the vehicle passes. The details are then double checked by the police and if all is correct a letter will be sent. Those receiving more than three letters are likely to receive a visit from the Police.
- In the last year, 85 watches were carried out, out of a planned 98, number of vehicles counted 27295, number recorded speeding 1070 – about 4%, average speed is 39mph, in a 30mph zone outside the School. The top speed recorded this year is 56mph and the highest ever recorded is 71mph.

- Chief Constable James Vaughan attended one of sessions, which was a great highlight for the year. If anyone questions what the CSW is doing, an explanatory letter from the police will be given to them.

News Letter-

- Monique introduced herself at the editor of the Village News Letter.

5. Open discussion on issues of concern.

The following matters were raised:

Mr Rob Evans gave a full and detailed presentation on a proposal for Iwerne Minster to have a Defibrillator in the village.

After debate the majority of members of the public present agreed that Iwerne Minster should have a Defibrillator in the Village. Mr Evans's proposal will now be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on the 30th April.

Concerns were raised over the removal of membership for the public using the Leisure Centre at Clayesmore School. Amanda Hughes from Clayesmore School assured the public that although the membership will be removed, they will be able to use the facilities on specific days and times for use. Due to the increase in pupil numbers they have nearly doubled in the last few years, the Leisure Centre's priority is now to ensure that all the pupils are catered for. As the public and pupils at the School are not allowed to use the Leisure Centre at the same time, this has resulted in the reduction of the Centre being open for the public.

Cllr C Nadin expressed his concerns and disappointment over Fly Tipping in the Village. If anyone from the construction industry or any other industrial area is seen fly tipping, they could be fined up to £50,000. If anyone else is seen Fly Tipping, they could be fined up to £2,000. If anyone sees Fly Tipping, please report it on the Dorset For You Website. If you see anyone Fly Tipping, you can report this direct to the police.

Another reminder, that most of Iwerne Mister Village is in a conservation area and it is forbidden to remove any tree which has a larger conference of 75 millimetres, without permission granted form North Dorset District Council. It is also unwise to erect sheds or outside buildings within the conservation area without first seeking planning permission and advice from NDDC.

If anyone has any questions of the extent of the conservation area, please contact Cllr Nadin on 01747 812377, who is more than happy to help and advise.

The Chairman closed the meeting at: 20.15pm

Chairman, Iwerne Minster Parish Council