

Iwerne Minster Parish Council
Draft notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Abingdon Hall on 26th April 2017

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

There were 12 Members of the Public

In attendance: Nicola Phillips - Clerk

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr B O'Lunaigh and Janet from WI

2. Report from Chairman of the Parish Council.

- The Chairman gave a review of the Parish Council's year. There were 12 planning applications received, the Parish Council supported 10, two were not supported. North Dorset District Council = approved 9, 2 were withdrawn and 1 was refused.
- The Council received a star award from DAPTC for Councillor training.
- The Village received an award for Best Neighbourly Village.
- The Speed Watch team have been informed that they are the best in the whole of North Dorset.
- Students from Clayesmore School are working with the Parish Council to produce a unique bench for the recreation area.
- The War memorial has been cleaned.
- County Council are working more closely with the Parish Council and work has been completed to repair some of the drains in the village.
- Central Government have awarded 2.4 million pounds towards the C13-A350 project. There will be public open meeting regarding proposals for the C13-A350, on the following dates: 15th May at Stourpaine Hall from 2pm to 8pm, 17th May at Compton Abbas Air Field from 11am to 4pm and again on the 17th May at Melbury Hall from 5pm to 7pm. Cllr Nadin reported that the 3 counties of Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire are looking at a more efficient North – South route solution from Poole to the M4.
- The Parish Council and Cllr Deborah Croney have secured a 20MPH speed zone for the Village. This should in forced within the next six months. A map of where the limit will be in place will be advertised in the Iwerne Minster News later this year.
- The Chairman thanked the Tuesday Club, fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their hard work.

3. Statement on the Parish Council Accounts 2016/17.

The Clerk tabled the Parish Council Accounts for 2016/17.

4. Presentations and review of Village Organisations.

Abingdon Hall – Cllr P Le-Prevost gave the following report:

- The focus for the Abingdon Hall is to make repairs to the outside wall and internal floor. Fundraising has started by raising £700.00 from the St Georges Day supper. The fundraising will continue, to fund a project for new more accessible toilets.

Village Club – Penny Marsh gave the following report:

- The village club has had a busy and successful year. With various fundraising projects for much need repairs to the club, about £5400.00 has been raised to date.
- On the 24th June there will be a Picnic in the Park event. In July there will be another Petanque Evening.
- On the 6th May, a coffee morning will be held with stalls at 10.30am.

St Mary's Church – Richard Hood gave the following report:

- The New Rector, David John has settled in. The established order of priests and series has changed to ensure that each church could maintain one service every Sunday.
- Harvest was celebrated with a harvest lunch held in the Tithe Barn. Christmas was celebrated with carol singing and midnight communion on Christmas Day. Easter had its traditional communion service on Easter Sunday.
- The new Church Warden and PCC secretary are David Parkhouse and Niels Kraunsoe.
- The Church and Churchyard are being well maintained.
- The telecommunications project is at the final stage of negotiation before NET apply for the Faculty.
- The Church redevelopment project is proceeding slowly.
- The Church's architect is starting to develop plans for a living church.
- The Church will be busy fundraising to support the projects.

Woman's Institute – Sent apologies.

Horticultural Association – Sue Le Prevost reported the following:

- There are now over 100 members of the association. Penny Marsh continues to provide the group with superb programme of speakers and visits.
- A successful May plant sale, with displays of bedding plants, variety of potted plants and vegetables for people to buy.
- The outing in May to RHS Rosemoor was very enjoyable.
- The Christmas Social was excellent.
- Thank you to the members for freely giving their time to make the events a success.
- With support from Castle Gardens Group Gold Cup, the group grew and exhibited a splendid array of Petunia, Geranium and Chilli Peppers plants.

5. Open discussion on issues of concern.

The following matters were raised:

- The ten members of the Speed Watch, continue to monitor the speed of the traffic through the village. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Mr Geoff Peters or the Parish Council Clerk.
- The Clerk reminded local organisations, that the Parish Council do award small grants annually, in February/March each year. Application forms can be obtained from the Clerk.
- Cllr K O'Connor reported that the village have been entered into the Best Kept Village, Neighbourly Village, young people project and Best Village Shop award. Please could all residents keep their areas clean and vegetation cut back.
- If anyone would like to have information put into the village news letter, please contact Dave Calderwood dave.calderwood@btinternet.com.
- Cllr Nadin asked for residents to be aware of petty thieving in the Village.
- It was reported that the Talbot Inn will not be serving food for the near future. A meeting for the public will be held on Tuesday the 9th May at the Talbot Inn to discuss this matter further.
- The Chairman reported that he had attended a Chairman's Meeting, where the matter of policies were raised, the Chairman felt that a lot of the Parish Council's policies are not in keeping with the time and need to be reviewed.
- Cllr Jones reported that North Dorset District Council offices are being sold and that key meetings will be held at Durwestern Village hall and at Dorchester.

The Chairman closed the meeting at: 7.50pm

Chairman, Iwerne Minster Parish Council