

**Iwerne Minster Parish Council**  
**Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Abingdon Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

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

**There were 21 Members of the Public**

**In attendance:** Cllr O'Connor took notes of the meeting on behalf of the Clerk

**1. Apologies for absence.** Cllr B O'Lunaigh. Mrs N Phillips - Clerk

**2. Report from Chairman of the Parish Council.**

The Chairman gave a review of the Parish Council's year. Clarification of footpaths and new on the A350. A donation was given to the Village Club from funds received from the Solar Power project, in the previous year a donation was given to the Abingdon Hall. Update on speed in the village and the proposed 20 plenty project. A thank you for councillors which left the Council this year, Cllr J Major, Cllr D Cronney and to welcome new councillors Cllr A Evans, Cllr B O'Lunaigh and Cllr K O'Connor. A question was raised asking if there is anything members of the public can do to help with the plenty 20 project. A petition from Clayesmore school was done and Mike Underhill is doing all he can to support this project. Mike Harris at County Council is also in support of this project.

**3. Guest Speaker Mr Richard Hood**

Mr Hood gave a detailed presentation of the village church re-development. The main proposals arose from 1, the village survey by the Parish Council in 2013, where identified a desire for the church to be more flexible and comfortable for large gatherings. 2<sup>nd</sup> point, the PCC was already thinking along the same lines, as a result of an initiative by Simon in 2012. This led to an ideas session with the congregation two years ago. A copy of the full report can be obtained by the Parish Clerk

**4. Presentations and review of village organisations:**

**Abingdon Hall** – Dianne Benfield gave the following report:

- A very busy year fund raising in 2014, which money is now starting to be used. It was recommended that the priorities were for redecorating, new curtains and replacement of the mains water supply. Jean Steward proposed that mirrors should be attached to the walls opposite the windows. This was a brilliant idea.
- The next project will be re-vamping the toilet facilities to install a unisex disabled accessible toilet. Fund raising and applying for grants will continue.

**Cricket Pavilion and Pitch** – Dianne Benfield gave the following report:

- Confirmed that that herself and Andrew Domoney are still the lease holder of the field and in charge of the Club. There are a group of local men who have formed a cricket team to play friendly matches and use the pitch for training on Thursday evenings. They have nine friendly home games booked. They are keen for anyone interested in joining them to just turn up as their training sessions. If anyone would like to use the facilities of the Cricket Club, they need to contact Dianne Benfield direct.

**Village Club** – Penny March gave the following report:

- The village club has been around for 95 years and continues to go from strength to strength as far as membership is concerned. The front of the clubhouse was in a very poor state of repair and emergency repairs were done, with the proviso that full repairs were needed within the next 18 months. Therefore the Village club are looking to raise £16000.00 for repairs and would like to raise a further £4000.00 in order to create a porch with disabled access. A variety of fund-raising schemes are in place. The biggest source of income is the Pantomime.

**St Mary's Church** – Malcolm Green tabled the annual report for the Church, which can be obtained from the Church or the Clerk of the Parish Council.

**Home Watch** – Mr Ian Watson reported that he sends the Parish Council emails with Home Watch updates.

**Woman's Institute** – the following report was read out by Cllr K O'Connor on behalf of Gill Samways:

- The SWIM WI celebrated their 100 years of the WI last September, holding a tea party and decorating the Abingdon Hall with bunting. Two centenary roses were planted in both villages to commemorate the event and two of our members attended the Buckingham Palace garden party.
- Jebber Whitaker gave an interesting talk about pantomimes that she has written and presented both in Iwerne Minster and her previous village in Somerset. There have been workshops and talks throughout the year. There have been trips out, one a visit to Dean's Court and the Priest House Museum in Wimborne. There have been catering events, Indian Curry Supper, pancake supper, Christmas Lunch and summer garden party.

- A charity event to support Wheels for the World, where wheelchairs are renovated by prisoner and then sent to Africa to help the disabled.

**Horticultural Association** – Sue Le Prevost reported the following:

- There are now 95 members of the association. Talks have taken place from plant poisons and potions to from plant to plant, from exploring the North Island of New Zealand and Holland in the spring.
- There was a successful May plant sale
- The outing in June to Kew was a big undertaking for the club and proved exceedingly enjoyable for all who attended. The Christmas Social was excellent, with entertainment, buffet and wine included.
- Thanks to Castle Gardens Gold Club the committee produce a Summer Show this year.
- Thanks went out to the committee members for all of their hard work and support.

#### **5. Open discussion on issues of concern.**

The following matters were raised:

- Water lane, safety concerns, a meeting had taken place with Highways regarding the management of water across the road. County Council will take this project forward.
- Does the Parish need a Defibrillator? The Bursar of Clayesmore School confirmed that the School has offered £1000.00 towards the cleaning of the War Memorial. These items will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.
- A report of an increase of fly tipping. Fly tipping is a major concern throughout the country. The public can help by reporting fly tipping on Dorset For You website.
- The track on tower hill is very overgrown. This area will be looked at for adding to the Council's maintenance list.
- Neighbourhood Plan summary and why Tarrant Monkton was given permission to allow no development in its village, why cannot Iwerne Minster do the same? Cllr Evans gave a summary of the proposed Neighbourhood Pan for Iwerne Minster. Iwerne Minster Parish Council could not answer the question regarding Tarrant Monkton being given permission to allow no development in its village, as they do not know their circumstances

The Chairman thanked the parish council and Clerk for their efforts and everyone for attending. He closed the meeting at: 8.00pm

The members of the public were invited to look at images of the church and add any comments to the board or discuss plans with Richard.

Chairman, Iwerne Minster Parish Council