

Ashendon Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall

On Monday 20th April 2015

The Chairman Cllr. Kevin Nash
Clerk Michael Rand

Apologies: None

29 people present.

The Chairman opened the Meeting and welcomed everyone.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th May 2014 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

No matters arising out of the previous Minutes.

The Guest Speaker, Mr Dick Tracey, from South Central Ambulance Group gave an enlightening and detailed talk and presentation on how to diagnose cardiac arrest followed by a demonstration and how to use of the newly installed defibrillator.

The Chairman thanked Mr Tracey for his informative and helpful talk including answering many questions.

The Chairman invited the following to give Annual Reports.

1. A representative from Thames Valley Police wasn't present to give a report.
2. AVDC Councillor David Vick gave a report on behalf of the District Council.
Cllr Vick explained how the District Council had responded to maintaining front line services after Central Government had reduced their grants over the last five years by 58%. He went on to detail how the Planning Department had changed their way of notification and consultation of Planning Applications with Parishes. He also explained the procedure being taken by the Council seeking Unitary Authority status. A discussion took place on all of these items.

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3. County Councillor Paul Irwin gave a report which concentrated on resurfacing and maintenance programme on road in the locality. He also suggested that there might be an opportunity to apply for LAF funding towards the proposed MUGA on the Playing Field.
Councillor Irwin answered questions on the maintenance of pot-holes detailing the difference between Category 1 and Category 2 making a request not to mix the two up and making sure that when reporting any emergency repairs that they are “emergency”. It was also drawn to his attention the state of the Upper Pollicott Lane which is in the process of “severe determination and collapse”.
4. In the absence of Gillian Sinclair from FCC Environment who was to give a presentation on the newly constructed Energy From Waste Plant at Calvert, the Clerk gave a short description of the principle of the Plant and hoped that Gillian Sinclair would be able to attend the Annual Council Meeting scheduled for 11th May to give her presentation.
5. **Parish Council**
Report By: Cllr. Kevin Nash (Chairman)
Report filed.
A question was asked whether the Parish Council would be organizing a ‘village litter pick and tidy-up’. This would be considered.
6. **Book Club**
Report By: Sian Miller
Report filed.
No questions.
7. Community Led Plan.
Report By: David Crwys-Williams
Report filed.
No questions.
8. Gatehangers’ Association.
Report By: Kevin Nash
In the absence of Andrew Tomlinson (Chairman) Kevin Nash informed the meeting that the annual dinner and meeting was held last September and the intention was to repeat the occasion this year in September.

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9. Playing Field Association.
Report By: Andy Theobald.
Report on file.
A question was raised on the parking arrangements for the inter-village rounders competition to be held in July. This would be looked into.
10. Red Lion Social Club.
Report By: Luke Jamieson
Report on file.
No questions.
11. St. Mary's Church PCC
Report By: Peter Smettem
Report on file.
No questions.
12. Village Hall.
Report By: Richard Bates
Report on file.
No questions.
13. WI.
Report By: Susan Rand.
Report on file.
No questions.
14. Oil Club.
Report By: Kevin Nash
Excess funds had been used to purchase historic framed photographs of the village and displayed in the village hall.

The Meeting closed at 10.05 pm with the Chairman thanking everyone for attending and all village organizations and committees for their hard work and commitment over the last year.