

MINUTES

Berwick St James Village Meeting 17th January 2013

In Attendance

Neil MacDougall (Chairman)
Emma Smith (Parish Clerk)
Henry Colthurst (Treasurer)
Sarah Humphreys (Deputy Chairman)

Total in Attendance: 31

<u>Agenda Item No</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decisions</u>	<u>Actioned by</u>
1.	Welcome & Introduction The Chairman welcomed the village residents to the meeting. He stated that the main point of the meeting was to agree the Precept for the next financial year which had to be passed to Wiltshire Council by Monday 21 st January 2013.	
2.	Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from: Al Smith, Christian Lange, Veronica Sumner, Mary McDermott, Carolyn MacDougall. Jackie Fisher, Tim Marchant, George Campbell-Johnston	
3.	Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 5 th December 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Matters Arising The entertainment system for the Reading Room, comprising a projector, screen and sound system had been purchased and would shortly be installed.	Christian Lange
4.	Meetings – Policy This agenda item concerned dealing with planning matters in the village. At the previous meeting a planning proposal had been discussed and the proposer of the planning application was asked to leave the room after giving a presentation and answering questions, so that the villagers could discuss the subject in private and make decisions. This was regarded as a fair and sensible way of handling planning proposals, and should be the format for any future planning meetings. Nicky Street pointed out that this had happened in the past. Sally Hiscock inquired whether the applicant was informed of the village's decision. The Chairman said that he would write to the applicant directly after the meeting to inform them. Proposer: Richard Brasher Decision: Passed Unanimously In addition, the handling or processing of minor planning matters (within the parish) and planning applications that may affect the parish but concern areas outside it was discussed. It was agreed that planning applications such as these would be circulated by email and posted on the two notice boards for comment. People wishing to respond could send their comments to the Chairman, or as Peter Smith suggested, reply individually to the address given on the notice. Comments addressed to the Chairman would form part of a village response that would be sent off to the council. Lyanne Street pointed out that letters from the village had more sway than those from individuals. Alternatively, residents could ask for a village planning meeting to be held, if they believed that the subject should be fully debated. Should a planning meeting be required, in order to give enough notice to convene one, residents should put the request to the Chairman at least one week before the final date for submission to the Council. Proposer: Keith Lovett Decision: Passed Unanimously	

	<p><u>Wine Tasting</u> – Michael Wiessmuller: He said that, due to the significant interest in wine tasting evenings, plans were afoot to house an initial event at the Farm Shop sometime in the Spring. He said that some initial inquiries had been made to local wine merchants who might sponsor the events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Neighbourhood Watch</u> – Keith Lovett: He stated that a Neighbourhood Watch meeting had been held on 16th Jan which was well supported, and a number of residents had volunteered to act as deputies. He stated that the plan was to put a Neighbourhood Watch pack in everyone's mailbox, followed up with a circular email to find out if there were others who would like to be involved. He was very encouraged by the response so far. • <u>Speedwatch</u> – Gill Brasher: Since the last meeting the Speeding Group has received a more detailed breakdown of the Metro Count data (number & frequency of vehicles). Further information will be circulated to the village in due course. The group continue to look into Community Speedwatch and are liaising with Shrewton, which has been running a successful Speedwatch campaign for some time now. The B. St J. Group are also still working with the Amesbury Speeding Group. • <u>Summer Fete</u> – Sarah Humphreys: The fete will be held on Saturday 1st June. The initial meeting will take place on Wednesday 30th January to start the ball rolling with ideas on the events to be held, advertising, and other related matters. At this meeting the decision will be taken as to how any profit made by the fete will be split. 	<p>Michael Wiessmuller</p> <p>Keith Lovett</p> <p>Carolyn MacDougall</p> <p>Sarah Humphreys</p>
9.	<p><u>Village Diary.</u></p> <p>Nicky Street gave a quick run-down of activities due to take place in the village in the near future. The Boot kitchen will be closed between 1st-13th Feb. There will be a Coffee Morning taking place at the Farm Shop on 10th Feb which will include a guided walk – the length of the walk will depend on the weather and the degree of interest shown. Held in the Reading Room, there will be a Film Night on 20th Feb, showing the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. Art classes will start again at the end of February, and sculpture classes (Thursday evenings) are continuing. Jane Rowe was to produce a flier on email to encourage more people to join.</p>	<p>Nicky Street</p> <p>Jane Rowe</p>
10.	<p><u>Any Other Business.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>War Memorial Research</u>: Al Smith was carrying out research on the people named on the Berwick St James War Memorial following the Government's announcement of plans to mark the centenary of the 1914-18 war. Residents were asked to get in touch with him if they had any information on those named. • Next Village Meeting is to be in May, the date to be announced later. 	<p>Al Smith</p>

Attachments:

1. Proposed distribution of £1,000 precept for 2013/14
2. Proposed distribution of £1,250 precept for 2013/14
3. Comparison of precepts for each housing band