

Minutes of Berwick St James Village Meeting. Monday, 15th January, 2018.

In attendance: Neil MacDougall (Chairman)
Bill Hiscocks (Treasurer)
Helen Riding (Parish Clerk)

Guests: Darren Henry (Councillor for Till & Wyllye Valley)

Total in attendance: 42

Summary of issues discussed and decisions made

1.

Welcome & Introduction – Chairman

Action

The chairman opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed everyone, including Cllr Darren Henry and new residents to Berwick, Alice and Shayne Gould.

Apologies for Absence were received from Olivia Marchant, Jane Lock-Smith, Barbara Last, Mary MacDermot, Henry Colthurst, Peter & Ann Day, Brian & Wendy Armstrong, Jane Rowe and Dominic Ridley.

2.

Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising

Gryphon Cottage: The Lovetts and Wiltshire Council have reached an agreement on the work to be carried out.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed unanimously to be a true reflection of the meeting – proposed by Charlie Street, seconded by James Hardy.

3.

Report by Cllr Darren Henry

Amesbury Area Boards meet this Thursday 18th January. A representative of Highways England will be attending the meeting and will continue to attend these meetings into the future.

A303: Highways England will have Public consultation meetings in February. There should be Local Community Forums before that, although no dates have been given as yet.

The Druids Estate manager has been in touch with regards to hare coursing in the area. Wiltshire & Swindon Countryside Forum will take place on 14th March, which Cllr Henry will be attending. Walkers are requested to take phones with them when walking in the countryside. If anyone should notice anything untoward, notify the police immediately.

Expo 55 Plus. This will take place on 15th May in City Hall. Older Salisbury residents are being invited to a special event next month to have their say on the services available to them and what they would like to see provided.

4.	<p><u>Guy Fawkes Night review - Chairman</u></p> <p>Dominic Ridley was unable to attend but sent the following review. A total of £1,695 was raised at the Fireworks evening for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance charity . Neil thanked Robin Richards for allowing the village to use his field for the event, and he asked that £300 be reimbursed from the Community Fund towards the cost of the fireworks. (Proposed by Ian Gibb, seconded by Robin Richards). Overall, it was a very enjoyable evening and Neil suggested that the village should consider making it an annual event. Dominic intended to organise another fund raiser sometime in March for the W.A.A.</p> <p>The Carol Singing in December also raised money although the total amount was not yet known. Not including this amount, a total of approximately £2,500 has been raised so far by Dominic for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance fund.</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p>Dominic Ridley</p>
5.	<p><u>Accounts Update & Precept 2018 - Treasurer</u></p> <p>Precept Account: Balance at 1st April 2017 £890.34 Balance at 15th Jan 2018 £1 017.75</p> <p>Bill recommended leaving the Precept amount at £1,250 for the coming year. Proposed by James Hardy seconded by Nicky Street. All in favour.</p> <p>Community Fund: Balance at 1st April 2017 £1 807.79 Balance at 15th Jan 2018 £1 479.75</p> <p>A303 Fund: Balance at 15th Jan 2018 £4 497.80</p> <p>The A303 Fund was being retained in the Village accounts while the process is ongoing.</p> <p>From May 2018, the government will require us to have a Data Protection Officer. Accounts need to be published, including expenses, as well as listing the Village Officers – most of the required information is already on the website.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
6.	<p><u>Grant Request for St James Church – Stephen Bush</u></p> <p>Stephen Bush asked for a grant from the village for a new water supply at the church. At present there is 1 standpipe close to the boiler housing, which is connected to the Streets' water supply, going through their farmyard. There is a leak and Abbots have been asked for a quote to find and fix the leak. The quote is £540 per day plus the cost of the repair.</p> <p>Water is needed at the church for, among other things, supplying the header tank for the heating system. 5 gallons are needed to full the tank, which currently entails 7 journeys up a ladder to the tank – Stephen is presently doing this himself.</p> <p>Another option is for the church to join Wessex Water supply, which would involve a shorter run from the main supply in the road outside Berwick House. The cost of that option is £2,281 (supply source to gate) + £1,049 (gate to tap inside grounds).</p> <p>Bill proposed £500 from the Precept and £500 from the Community Fund. Seconded by Jane Campbell-Johnson. All in favour.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Open Gardens 2018 Initial Outline - Chairman</u></p> <p>The date of the weekend will be 23-24th June, from 1pm – 5pm. Tickets will cost £6 per person. 12 gardens will be open to the public.</p> <p>Many volunteers are needed to coordinate logistics, car parking, publicity, village transport etc. If there is to be a Plant Stall, we need to grow plants soon. Neil will send out an email soon, suggesting specific areas where help will be needed and</p>	<p>Chairman</p>

	<p>asking for leaders and volunteers.</p> <p>The Reading Room will have an Arts & Crafts exhibition for the OG weekend.</p>	<p>Action</p>
8.	<p><u>Neighbourhood Watch Update – James Hardy</u></p> <p><u>Car security:</u> Car break-ins can often be due to valuables being left in cars and being visible. We need to be aware of what is in our cars when parked.</p> <p><u>Cyber attack:</u> This is always a possibility, in a fashion similar to the attack on the NHS last year. People need to be mindful of security and how to cope with any attack.</p> <p>There has been a significant drive against organised crime, managed by the police in our area and several arrests have been made.</p>	<p>Nicky Street</p>
9.	<p><u>Speedwatch – Marie Perry</u></p> <p>During 2017, 37 sessions were conducted with 1301 vehicles recorded going through the village. Of these, 65 were speeders (5% of the total) and 5 excessive speeders. These are vehicles recorded at going in excess of 45 mph. The fastest recorded vehicle was travelling at 52mph.</p> <p>There are currently 15 trained volunteers but only a few regular members who conduct the sessions. More volunteers are needed and will receive police training. Those in attendance at the meeting generally felt the Speedwatch programme is worthwhile. There will be a Speedwatch meeting in the Reading Room on 12th February. Any new volunteers should contact Marie for more information.</p>	<p>Marie Perry</p>
10.	<p><u>WW1 Centenary Tree Planting Update – Ian Gibb</u></p> <p>The bid to plant trees has been withdrawn. Permission to plant them on the proposed land, which is owned by the Guinness estate, had been turned down by the estate management and a suitable alternative location could not be found. The Chairman expressed his disappointment with the response from the Guinness estate management, as the area proposed was currently waste ground and the proposed trees (lime) would eventually have given some visual cover of the corrugated iron barns on the western side of the road. Furthermore, the one tree that is planted there is a Lime tree and commemorates the Queen's Silver Jubilee.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Reading Room Planning Application – Nicky Street</u></p> <p>The planning application had to be submitted a second time as the Council had lost the first application so the process had to be re-started. The entrance to the Reading Room will be moved to the side of the building and this requires planning approval. There will be disabled access. Quotes cannot be sought until permission is granted.</p>	<p>Nicky Street</p>
12.	<p><u>Village Diary – Nicky Street</u></p> <p>January: Friday 26th – Burns' Night at the Boot Inn Monday 29th – Art History talk at the Reading Room</p> <p>February: 1st-14th – Boot Inn holiday, kitchen closed, bar open as usual Thursday 8th – Free trial for new Zumba and Pilates members at the Guide Centre. Friday 23rd – Italian Night at the Boot Inn Monday 26th – Art History talk at the Reading Room</p> <p>March: Thursday 22nd – Create a Trio of Treasures for Easter at Guide HQ</p>	

	<p>Monday 26th - Art History talk at the Reading Room</p> <p>June Sunday 10th – Race for Life in Salisbury</p> <p>23 – 24th – Open Gardens Weekend</p>	Action
13.	<p><u>Berwick St James Website – Chairman</u></p> <p>Reminders of forthcoming News & Events can be received through one’s email if we sign up on the website.</p>	
14.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Mary Gatling is handing over responsibility for the defibrillator to Carolyn Devitt.</p> <p>Neil is hoping to have a guest speaker from the Bobby Van charity at the next meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting will be on either 12th or 19th March.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.</p> <p>Neil MacDougall</p> <p>Chairman Berwick Parish Meetings</p>	<p>Chairman</p>