

Shrawley Annual Parish Meeting

Notes of an open meeting on 08 April 2019

Present: Councillors Richard Tesh, Jill Griffin, Rebecca Mosedale, Jill Griffin,
District Councillor Pam Cumming & 13 Members of the Public.

Apologies: Councillors Colin Honan, Anna Dorrell, Peter Benkwitz, Naomi Thomas
County Councillor Phil Grove, Richard Boles (Forestry England) & John Westwood

Richard Tesh chaired the meeting as Colin Honan was still recuperating.

District & County Councillor Reports

Pam Cumming presented an annual report, copy attached, on matters relating to Malvern Hills DC.

The entrance gates which the Parish Council approved in January 2018 and paid for in March 2018 were eventually due to be installed during the road closure last week. but were not. The matter is now to be taken up with Chief Executive of Worcestershire County Council.

Police Report

Whilst there had been 6 recorded incidents over the past 12 months, mainly shed break-ins, CSO Vanessa Snape reported Shrawley remained relatively crime-free compared to neighbouring villages. She had attended 3 “smart water” events in the village over the past couple of years and urged residents to mark their expensive items with smart water as this aided detection if attempts were made to sell an item through a reputable trader or found along with other stolen goods.

She agreed to ascertain whether “double yellow lines” were feasible along the B4196 by the New Inn together with statistics on how many speeding tickets had been issued by the Safer Roads Partnership operating within the village.

Village Organisation Reports

Written Reports were received from:

- Richard Boles, Forestry England, advising a camera had been installed in the woods to identify those illicitly discarding plastic “poo bags” as well as reminding residents of the “walk in the woods” at 5.30 pm on 14 May.
- John Westwood, on behalf of the Friends of St Mary’s, highlighting fabric work undertaken including a new boiler, provision of mains water together with a second-hand organ. Work was continuing to provide toilet facilities.

Successful events during 2018 included a Quiz in April, Open Garden in July, Heritage Weekend in September and the Remembrance Service in November commemorating 100 years of the end of the First World War attended by 77 people.

Verbal reports were received from:

- Vernon & Bourne Charity (Vanessa James) reporting Pete Westwood had resigned as trustee following his move from the village and replaced by John Westwood. A total of £1,900 had been distributed during November to those with a need and those undertaking higher education. She thanked Richard Tesh who had recently resigned as Clerk to the charity following his move from the village.

- Village Hall Management Committee (John Lee) stating the septic tank had been replaced with a new cesspit arrangement and work was under-way to address the damp problem along the wall adjoining the children's nursery. The Bluebell Walks had raised a record amount during 2018.
- Shrawley Walkers Group (Jenny Nicholson) have celebrated 30 years with a membership of some 30 regular walkers. They have raised some £10½k for local charities in recent years.
- Horticultural Society (Chris Freeman) is now into its 25th year with a membership of approximately 30.
- Local History Society (Vanessa James) reported on the success of the "Soldier Silhouette" project as well as research into local soldiers who fought in the First and Second World Wars. The silhouettes will be used at future Remembrance Day services.
- Air-rifle Shooters Group (Peter Hollingsworth) reported there had been some notable individual successes during the year but the club had not won the league since the 1930's. It meets at the New Inn during the winter season.

Matters raised by the public

- The Chairman was asked to read out the minutes / notes from the previous meeting
- The parapet of Glazen Bridge, rebuilt in 2007 after flood damage, appears to be in a state of some disrepair and concern was expressed about the coping stones
- The two village defibrillators need annual testing and inspecting
- The insurance requirements for litter picking
- The layout of the room for the Annual Parish Meeting
- The use of the Transparency Fund
- The Parish Council and Village websites
- The use of Facebook for disseminating village information
- Neighbourhood Plans
- Review of Settlement Boundaries

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21.45pm.