



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the 12th April 2018

Held in Swallowcliffe Village Hall @ 7:30pm

Present: 3 Members of the Parish Council, Wiltshire Councillor Josh Green, 23 Parish Residents and the Parish Clerk.

I. Welcome:

The Parish Council Chairman, Stephen Banas welcomed everyone to the meeting and talked through the agenda, explaining that the meeting was not a Parish Council meeting, but a Public one and a chance for the Council to get feedback from parishioners. The Chairman also introduced the Parish Council team and their roles:

Name	Role	Responsibilities
Stephen Banas	Councillor	PC Chairman, Highways, Defibrillator Rep for SWW Area Board and CATG
Gerry Blundell	Councillor	Planning, Development, Finance, Noticeboards. Rep for Village Hall Committee
Lu Boothman	Councillor	Emergency Planning, Litter Management
Patrick Willis	Councillor	Footpaths, Rights of Way and Transport
Nigel Cooke	Councillor	Rep SWW Community Safety Group
Simon Pritchard	Parish Clerk	Administration, Compliance
Barry Fitzpatrick	Flood Warden	Emergency Coordination, IT

II. Adoption of last year's minutes: 12th April 2017
(The Clerk had printed off copies for anyone who wanted one)

III. Parish Council Chairman's Report:

- Plans for a new Parish Council Website:**

A website was being developed that the Parish Council would own and manage. The current website that was being used didn't belong to the Parish Council and was no longer being subsidised by Wiltshire Council. It was important that the Council has control over its website. The Village also has a Facebook page that is a useful source of

information and is kept up to date. The idea of an email distribution list managed by the Council is also being thought about. The Chairman showed the meeting some slides of a proposed new website design.

- **Village Defibrillator Update:**

The Chairman carries out regular checks on this. Refresher training will be needed which will provide the opportunity to train new residents at the same time. About half of the meeting indicated they would be willing to undertake training. The Chairman reminded the meeting that the defibrillator comes at a cost, the battery will have to be replaced, as will the pads and in the long run the whole thing. This will continue to have a cost implication on the council tax.

- **Phone Box:**

The Chairman said the Parish Council has resisted attempts by BT to remove the phone box or sell it to the Parish Council for a £1 without a phone in. The Chairman asked the meeting to vote on what it would like to do with the phone box:

- a. Keep it as a working phone box = Majority
- b. Use for another purpose = 2 Votes
- c. Have it removed = 0 Votes

IV. Village Litter Management:

Lyndsey Boothman & Gerald Blundell had both carried out litter picks of parts of the Village over the last few months. Not massively time consuming. Looking for volunteers to continue to do this about 4 times a year, on an informal basis and not on the A30. 10 people indicated that they would be willing to become involved.

V. Village Emergency Planning:

The Chairman reported to the meeting that work had begun on reviewing the Village emergency plan, this was being worked on by Barry Fitzpatrick and Lyndsey Boothman. Hopefully a draft by May. The Village Hall committee will be engaged to look at the possibility of having emergency equipment stored in the hall, possibly even a generator.

The meeting indicated that it didn't think emergency planning was a high priority.

VI. Southwest Wiltshire Community Safety Partnership:

Nigel Cook, as the Parish Council Rep to the group read out the report below:

The South West Wiltshire Community Safety Partnership meets quarterly in the Nadder Centre in Tisbury where Steve, Shirley and Judy tapped the boards in the Pantomime. It has superseded the Tisbury Community Safety Partnership. All local Parish Councils, from Semley to Quidhampton, and Hindon to Berwick St John are represented along with representatives from Wiltshire Police, Dorset & Wilts Fire and Rescue Service, and Wiltshire Council. The meeting gets updates from the Police, Fire & Rescue, and County Council, and then discusses local concerns. Issues over the past 2 meetings have included: drug taking, tractor road safety, hoax callers, neighbourhood watch, theft from outbuildings and speeding. It is not just a talking shop as matters are raised up the chain to the Area Board and follow up action takes place. One example was the unsympathetic driving of tractor drivers. The Board has written to all contractors to ask them to put their name and a contact telephone number on the front of their vehicles. If one of their vehicles is driven carelessly the driver can then be reported to them.

VII. Footpaths and Transport:

Patrick Willis, is the Councillor responsible for this and had been unable to attend the meeting but had sent the report copied in full below:

- *Richard Moore (Lake House) has put down more logs on the mill footpath, where the corduroy trackway is subject to flooding There's nothing more we can do until the ground dries out.*
- *We are planning to put another metal self-closing gate at the juncture of SW17 between Hinxman's field and the Little's field, subject to consultation with the farmers as there will be cattle in one field and sheep in the other.*
- *Please report any issue with fallen trees obstructing footpaths to Patrick Willis 01747871343.*
- *We need volunteers to help clear the permissive footpath on the public land below Red House Farm once the nettles start to grow.*
- *We'd like to know if there's any interest in an organised walk from Swallowcliffe to the Compasses and back on summer Sunday, or maybe to the Foresters via Wardour Woods. The Saturday walk organised last year was very poorly attended, probably because it was indeed on a Saturday. Please let Patrick know pjdawillis@gmail.com if you would be interested in either of these walks.*

10 residents interacted that they would be interested in taking part in a Village walk. Concern was expressed that the report included nothing about the bridleways and that they should not be overlooked.

VIII. Swallowcliffe Parish Highways:

- Parish steward visits are once a month for 10 months for the year. Issues for him to fix should be reported to the Chairman who maintains a list for him.
- All the potholes know to the Chairman have been reported via the Wiltshire App. Wiltshire Council survey them and grade them with only the most severe being given a high priority. Some of the worst parts of the road needs to be resurfaced.
- Ansty Parish Council have put in a request to the SW Wiltshire Area Board (SWWAB) for light traffic to be directed though the Village. This would include changing the signage from Tisbury (at Ansty Water) and on the A30. The Parish Council is opposing the plan and will be making the case against at a meeting on the 9th of May. This was supported by the meeting.
- The Speed Indicator Device funding from SWWAB had been approved and the Council had entered into a formal sharing agreement with 2 other Parish Councils (Fovant and Ansty). The mounting posts are yet to be fitted. The Chairman talked the meeting through the costs.
A consultation with nearby residents will be carried out on the mounting locations before any decision is made as to where they will go. The Village will probably have 3 locations.
- 20pmh Village speed limit
The Chairman talked though the voting results:

Total Yes	46	53%
Total Abstain	4	5%
Total No	12	14%

Total No Reply	24	28%
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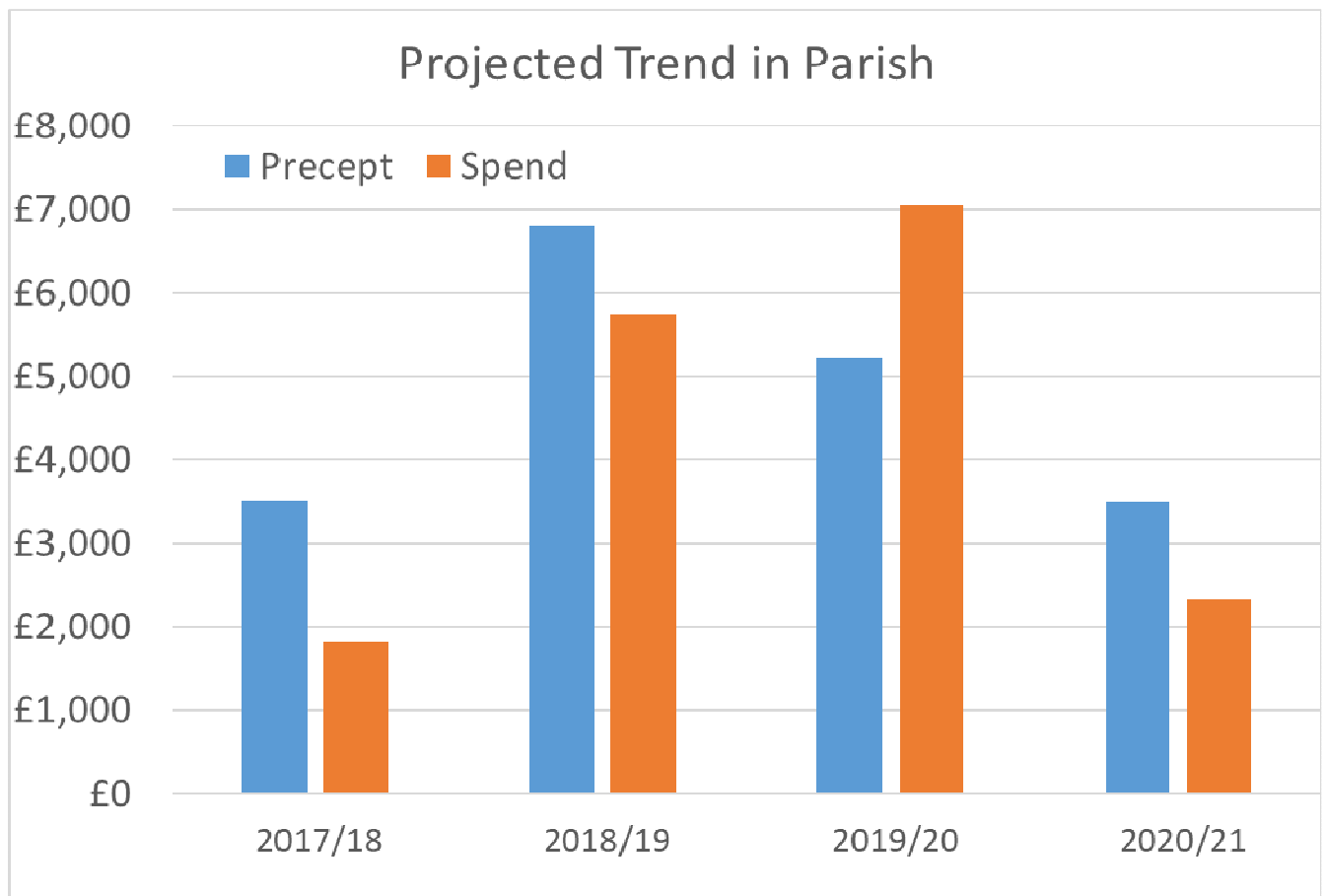
A feasibility study is the next step. Hope to have it installed in 2019.

- Speed watch

The only area in the Village that qualifies for a speed watch is the stretch of road by Cravenplan. 8 people expressed an interest in taking part in a speed watch group.

IX. Parish Council Finance:

Gerald Blundell as the Parish Council Member responsible for finance talked the meeting through his slide below:



X. Wiltshire Councillor report from Jose Green:

Report copied in full below:

It would be amiss of me not to mention the nerve poison incident in Salisbury. In hindsight it seems unbelievable that out of the blue Salisbury should be in the headlines week after week. What has struck me most of all is how well the various organisations and public sector have worked together. The community spirit of Salisbury and beyond has been recognised as being an exemplary example and I'm sure it will continue throughout the months to come. No one could have imagined that this would trigger off the FREE Car Parking arrangements and can I say immediately I'm not sure how long this will continue!!

Yet again this last year has flown by. What I have noticed, more than ever before, is that my work has become a lot more 'political'. Whether this is as a consequence of Brexit and reflecting the National climate who can say? but it is noticeable how much more awareness and interest residents have. My case work has increased considerably, most of which is very sensitive and very often very much more emotive.

As I write this there is a heavy blanket of snow covering the landscape, this triggers thoughts of those most vulnerable amongst us and whom in some cases we need to look out to. With exceptionally cold temperatures we all need to be aware of what we should or shouldn't do. Wiltshire Council, as all Local Authorities have, has a role to play in emphasising precautions and preventative tips for most situations that we residents face. A recent study showed that 200,000 UK pensioners had not had a conversation with a friend or relative in more than a month and right now more than 9 million people in the UK say they regularly feel lonely; the impact on this is one of the biggest demands and costs to the NHS. It has been said that loneliness can be as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. We must do all we can to help combat this issue and the most efficient way is to support the many groups, Health and Wellbeing initiatives, clubs, village halls and organisations we can. Through the SWW Area Board, and it has been my role to be Chair this last year, we consider the funding and support of many communities that request help to enable them to remain sustainable, I was pleased to support Fovant Youth Club's grant application to enable them to improve the building and install a new kitchen and to the re-instating of the Map Of Australia at Compton Chamberlayne, to name just two.

It might be worth noting that Wiltshire has 253 Town and Parish Councils, the 2nd highest number in the Country all of which have their own way of working and special characteristics. There are 3 AONB's, 240 Conservation Areas and over 16,000 Listed Buildings, a good majority of those being in the South. Wiltshire Planning Authority is the 3rd largest in the UK by applications processed. This takes up a great deal of my time and I realise I cannot please every one on this particularly emotive issue. For the last 4 months I have been working on a Task Group scrutinising the Planning Committee System. The final report has been completed with 12 recommendations but the work will be on going.

Wiltshire has the 3rd highest number of people aged 65 years and over in the Country, (100k of our 488k population) this is likely to rise by around 25% in the next 5 years, therefore the demand is high and is increasing. Transforming what WC do to meet the unprecedented growth in Children's and Adult Social Care services is of vital importance, hence the ring fenced Social Care Levy of 3% for the 2nd year following to address this demand. Already greater integration between Health and Social Care Services is well underway, bringing early help, Safeguarding and Assessment together to reduce duplication, excess time and the frustration for the customer or patient. This will result in a more efficient and joined up service that delivers with a clearer pathway forward. The Help to Live at Home scheme has enabled around 6:500 people to stay independent. This has reduced long term discharge delays at Salisbury Hospital.

Public Health is a department that deals with many diverse issues, too many to mention at this time but it can be anything from noise, dust and smoke to health matters that need to be highlighted to enable us all, hopefully, to help ourselves. The Dementia Awareness programme is progressing well with more villages and Towns joined up to the Safe Places initiative. Salisbury Cathedral has become a Safe Place with church services directly involving carers and their loved ones who are living with various forms of Dementia.

At this moment in time WC is proactively highlighting the cervical cancer screening programme. Nationally, there is a 20 year low on take up by women after receiving an invitation to attend a clinic. WC works closely with the NHS , GP's and Wiltshire CCG's and this is just one example.

Another health concern is that in Wiltshire more than 60% of our adult population are overweight or obese. 20% of children starting school are also considered overweight, as you know this could lead to serious problems later in life. WC promotes Health and Wellbeing for residents and I'm pleased to say the take up of the exercise and fitness classes at the Nadder Centre in Tisbury is increasing well. £41million has been spent on new facilities across the County.

Can I once again compliment the 6,000 volunteers helping to deliver Council services across Wiltshire, including locally based flood wardens, people who help clear and maintain our ROW's, sports coaches, the 868 people who support the library service and the community Litter Picks which helps to reduce the £2:5 MILLION WC spends each year on picking up the rubbish others so selfishly dispose of. The War on Waste continues. Prosecutions are now regularly taking place. Single use plastic is a thing of the past in all Council buildings and constant publicity is given about cups, drinking straws, teabags, microbeads, wipes disposal, plastics and packaging. I shall be updating you on the future waste service as it comes in later in the year but to keep you thoroughly up to date ID has to be shown at the HRC's now.

At a risk of prolonging my report further can I finally say that I'm acutely aware of the many Highways issues. £21 million has been budgeted again this year. Amongst other things this maintains the 15% of the 4:500 Kms of roadways across the County to continue the resurfacing programme. The My Wiltshire App is still proving to be the most efficient way to report works required. There were 145 pothole roots in March alone!! I'm pleased the 20mph schemes that have been requested by villages have been supported as also the Speed Indication Cameras (SID's) which will be in situ before too long. The 'lorry watch' schemes are beginning to be set up whereby if a lorry is exceeding the weight limit through a road it shouldn't be travelling fines are issued.

On closing can I just emphasise that I listen to each and every one of those who contact me and I endeavour to do all I am able to ensure I am a voice on whatever, or how diverse, the issue might be to hopefully achieve a satisfactory

outcome.

Sincere thanks to you all.
José.

XI. Updates from local organizations:

Swallowcliffe Almshouse Report – 12th April 2018

1. Trustees

Annabel Biddulph, Fee Carless, David Morrison, Rosemary Paines, Steve Whittingham.

2. Beneficiaries

We are so happy to have Zoe, Chris and baby Evelyn living in Goldhill and Rose and Robert in Sandhill.

3. Fund raising appeal

We were thrilled by the generosity of the individuals who have donated to our appeal and for the PCC's kind donation from the Harvest Festival. Thank you very much. So far, we have raised, with gift aid included, £7250. Fantastic! Through your generosity, we have been able to fence the boundaries of the two cottages, provide them with sheds and various other garden items, such as wood for steps, washing lines and ongoing landscaping work.

4. Finance

Our accounts are being audited and, once we have them back, they will be available for viewing on the Charity Commission website.

5. Ongoing work

Thanks to David Gregory's design and to the building work undertaken, the cottages are now in very good condition. The only work outstanding is to the thatch on Goldhill, which we will need to address soon.

The parking space for Goldhill Cottage is going to be extended.

6. Charity Lands

Matthew Fry continues to rent our 21 acre field.

Woodland – When the Charity was set up, in the late 1700s, one of the things that it provided was a fuel allotment, for villagers to gather wood at certain times of the year. We, the Trustees, have decided that it would be fun to reintroduce this and will organise a wood gathering and wassailing event for later in the year, to celebrate the creation of the Charity and its successful continuation.

Update from St Peter's Church

- One and half years ago the Parochial Church Council decided to make better use of the west end of the church.
- They decided to open up space around the font by removing three pews to provide a dedicated space for baptisms, social gatherings, possible Sunday school, meetings, concerts etc and to provide a food preparation area and dedicated storage space.
- There was also a need to replace an area of rotten floorboards on the north-west corner.
- Plans were drawn up by St Anne's Gate Architects and submitted for approval by the Diocesan Advisory Committee. Any change in a listed ecclesiastical building needs this planning permission.
- The building and joinery of the floor and storage units was awarded to our superb local joiner Adam Rymer. Underwoods, Marshals and Roy McCrudden were the other contractors.
- The work was completed this week and will be signed off by the Architect on the 16th of April.
- The North West unit provides cupboards for all our cleaning equipment, all flower vases and 20 new folding chairs.
- The Southwest corner unit contains the food preparation area with hot and cold water, a sink and draining board and a boiling tap, also storage units for glasses, mugs plates etc and all kitchen equipment.
- The three pews had been reversed to make intimate seating around the front.
- It is hoped that this new area will be used for a variety of functions and we may improve the lighting in this area as well.
- In addition I have added a new PA system with speakers for the whole church and hopefully these improvements will be well received.
- Are there any questions?

VILLAGE HALL REPORT 2018

Committee members

Chair – David Bright

Treasurer – Gerry Blundell (and Parish Council representative)

Hall bookings - Caroline Willis

Hall maintenance – David Morrison

50/50 Club – Roy McCrudden

Secretary – David Brown

Purpose

The Village Hall is managed and maintained on behalf of the Parish Council and you as villagers by the following people who are the Village Hall Committee.

Maintenance report

The Village Hall is in good condition. Last year, I read through a long and tedious list of many of the actions that have been taken to protect and enhance the Village Hall. If you'd like to know more, please see me after rather than have me inflict a long list at you.

Treasurer's report

Gerry reported that there is just under £10,000 at the bank and that current projections suggest a small surplus would be accrued at year end. This assumes no major maintenance work before end April.

A posthumous vote of thanks was made in recognition of the £500 donation to Village Hall funds by the late Marion Andrews.

Bookings

Hirings of the Village Hall continue along with tables and chairs and we now have a marquee available for hire as well. The Village Hall is hired out to a weekly sewing group, the quarterly Parish Council Meetings, and other village and social events. We also hire out tables, chairs, glasses, etc and a marquee which was purchased last year.

Newsletter

CW publishes a twice yearly Newsletter which we hope you find useful. If anyone wishes to advertise a future event, please contact Caroline.

50/50 Club

Roy McCrudden is now running the 50/50 Club. This year we have sold 407 £6 shares resulting in Roy has confirmed that approximately £1220 will be available for VH funds.

Future Events

I'd like to point out that the committee are not a village entertainments committee but inevitably some of the Village Hall fund raising efforts that we make do have a beneficial social aspect.

We have a meeting next Wednesday, April 18th to discuss and start to formalise our plans for future events and we will share this information with you as soon as we can. Any ideas you have for future events are welcome.

We have ongoing communication with the pub as it is essential to ensure that there is good co-operation regarding events as we don't want to clash with anything the pub has planned.

Finally, everything you have heard about from myself is carried out by volunteers and we as villagers should be grateful for the commitment shown and the time donated by my colleagues on the Committee.

XII. Open Forum:

- **Website:** Confusion how Swallowcliffe.com worked and how that would fit in with a Parish Council website. Suggestion that there should be a system for sending out information. Barry Fitzpatrick talked about the Facebook page, this was kept up to date with current events and if people 'liked' the page they would receive news from the Village page into their Facebook newsfeed.
- **Litter:** Bagged dog poo is being chucked into hedges in the village. 35 bags found in one small area alone
- **Village lunches:** Although interest was expressed for these to resume, there are not enough people currently to make this financially feasible.
- **Potholes:** Worry for cyclists and motorcyclist as a number of them must now be turning up in hospital
Jose Green said that she has asked for the statistics and has been told that Wiltshire Council are not paying out anymore in compensation than in years gone by. The meeting felt there was a lack of strategy by Wiltshire Council to deal with the potholes, some parts of the road need to be resurfaced.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:15pm