

MINUTES OF THE CHILMARK ANNUAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 4TH MAY 2022
AT 7PM IN THE READING ROOM

Available with full reports on the Parish Council Web site at

www.southwilts.com/site/chilmarkparishcouncil/

Members of the Public present: 14

Parish Councillors present; Sir Richard Packer, Bev Small, Sir Raymond Jack, Morag Philpott, Carl Jacobs

Wiltshire Councillor present: Bridget Wayman

In attendance Parish Clerk: John Nicholas

1. Welcome: The Chairman of the Parish Council Sir Richard Packer opened the meeting and welcomed members of the public.

2. Village Reports:

- Chilmark Cricket Club – Carl Jacobs Chairman of the Cricket Club reported on a successful start to the new season and plans for the future (report attached or available on the web site)
- Playground Committee – Sally Butcher Chair of the Playground Committee spoke to her report (attached or available on the web site)
- Horticultural Society – Neil Pattenden member of the Horticultural Society advised on the formation of a new committee and plans to create new activities in support of village events (report from the Acting Chairman and Treasurer Mike Scott attached and available on the web site)
- Village Voice – Richard Eaton Chairman of the Village Voice spoke to his report (attached or available on the web site)
- Reading Room – Morag Philpott Chair of the Reading Room spoke to her report (attached or available on the web site)
- St Margaret of Antioch Church – Grant Philpott PCC member spoke to his report (attached or available on the web site) and advised on the closure of the George Young Trust

3. Report from Wiltshire Council- Councillor Bridget Wayman spoke to her report (attached or available on the web site)

4. Jubilee Celebrations – Felicity Pattenden outlined plans for the Jubilee including expenditure on insurance, hire of a marquee from Hindon, hire of tables and chairs from the Reading Room and the possibility of small prizes for the children's races. The Chairman announced that the Parish Council had agreed to fund £200 which should cover these items of expenditure. Mungo Melvin offered the use of an additional tent should it be needed. Raymond Jack mentioned the plans for Ridge with volunteers providing the food and facilities.

5. Report from the Parish Council- The Chairman outlined 4 key activities which the Parish Council had been engaged in over the last year:

- Issues wrt lorries from EHD passing through the village (see latest edition of the VV)
- Proposals for Parminters site in Tisbury – currently in abeyance

- The Chilmark litter picking exercises which had been a great success
- 2 instances of local burglaries

In addition the Chairman welcomed the initiatives lead by Mungo Melvin to make improved use of Forbes Field and invited him to speak to his report to the Parish Council.

5. Forbes Field/Public Forum - Mungo Melvin outlined recent progress on the proposals. The heirs to the Diana Forbes estate had now confirmed in writing to the Parish Clerk their intention to transfer the remaining ransom strip of land to the Parish Council at no cost. They had also proposed that they pay for any legal fees and have asked the Parish Council to pay for a valuation of the ransom strip.

Tree planting could go ahead in the autumn and a budget of approximately £5,000 had been secured with additional corporate and individual sponsors in the pipeline.

In opening up the discussion as part of the public forum Simon Butcher raised some concerns about the long term project management, governance arrangements and financial implications including issues around tree maintenance and pruning and boundary maintenance.

Following debate, the Chairman proposed that the final proposals for Forbes Field take full account of these issues by clarifying ongoing management arrangements and indicative annual costs of the project. The Working Group under the Chairmanship of Mungo Melvin were thanked for their hard work to date and note was taken of the planned village event on 8th June which would outline the overall plans and seek further village involvement and feedback.

6. The Chairman thanked members of the public for attending and closed the Assembly part of the meeting.