

## **MINUTES OF ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016 AT THE METHODIST CHURCH AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** P.Byng (Chair), County Councillor Ian Morris, District Councillor Dermot Bambridge, John Ellerby of NCC, Steve Burd of Stagecoach and 38 members of the parish. Also in attendance L. Paice, Parish Clerk.

Members were welcomed to the meeting by Peter Byng as Parish Council Chairman and clarification of the purdah rules currently in force in the light of the imminent Police and Crime Commissioner elections was given.

1. **APOLOGIES** were received from John Tustian, Carol Tosh and Nick Ashby
2. **MINUTES** of the 2015 meeting which were included in the Report Pack were **agreed** and signed as a true record. A question was raised by Eb Brown seeking clarification on the alleged savings which would be made by replacement of the village street lights. The Chair explained that these were of a much lower wattage using less electricity and requiring very little maintenance. Full figures would be available after one year of usage. Carol Mason asked if adequate parking facilities were planned at the new school site and the Chair advised that plans indicated that this had been addressed.
3. **MATTERS ARISING** from those Minutes relating to posting of the AVM Minutes on the village website, a dog bon on RX22, a lack of meetings with the PC representatives and Pocket Park volunteers and clarification of miscellaneous spending on the latest PC audited accounts had all been addressed.
4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** - The Chairman presented his report, a copy of which was included in the Report Pack and which was formally adopted by the meeting.
5. **FINANCING OF THE SRA** - On the recommendation of the Parish Council Chair of Finance it was **agreed** that a payment of £3.85per head on the Electoral Roll at January 2014, being 1930 electors, would be made to the SRA for maintenance of the field. A sum of £7430 had been written into the PC budget to cover this cost.
6. Reports from **COUNTY COUNCILLOR IAN MORRIS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DERMOT BAMBRIDGE** were included in the Reports pack and verbal updates were also given. Various questions from the floor were addressed as appropriate. Following Councillor Morris, John Ellerby of NCC and Steve Burd of Stagecoach explained to the meeting the expected changes in the bus service through the village and the reasoning behind these changes. NCC subsidies had been removed and so the bus services was now a totally commercial venture. Questions were taken and answered. All were thanked for attending and giving their reports.
7. All other reports listed on the Agenda were included in the Reports Pack and commended to the meeting. Additionally Peter Hart detailed the current position on allotments. All groups were thanks for their reports.
8. **MATTERS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHED TO RAISE** - i) A young member of the village asked for consideration of additional play area equipment in the village in the form of a zip

wire, wooden climbing/scramble frame and a sunken trampoline. This request would be taken back to the Parish Council.

ii) Carol Mason asked if the Parish Council was aware of possible MEPC development at the Circuit and was advised that a Scoping Opinion consultation would be on the next PC Agenda and was currently on the SNC website.

iii) A resident asked if there was any means of controlling or at least advising on random firework events. This did not fall under the control of the Parish Council but a new website being worked on would have a calendar facility where details of events could be shown. The new website would hopefully be live by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

iv) Carol Palmer expressed concerns about the safety of the wall behind the WI seat at the War memorial. The Parish Clerk would take this up with SNC Officers.

v) The issue of an extension of a footway down to the SRA was raised and the meeting advised that this was an ongoing matter.

vi) A resident asked Cllr Bambridge if concerns about speeding dustbin lorries using Towcester Road could be addressed and he agreed to follow up on this.

vii) The meeting was asked if it was aware of plans for rail freight interchange at Blisworth/Milton Malsor and Cllr Bambridge advised that SNC was fighting this suggestion.

vii) A question was asked about any future solar park plans. The Chair responded that there was no knowledge of such.

Mrs Ann Pullen offered a vote of thanks to the Chair who was not planning to stand for re-election at the May Annual Meeting of the PC. She thanked him on behalf of the village for all in work both in and out of the Parish Council.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm