

MITCHELDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 21st April 2015 AT 7pm IN THE LIBRARY, AFTER DUE NOTICE HAD BEEN GIVEN.

MINUTES

Present

Parish Councillors:

Mr Douglas Scott (Chair) Mrs S F Henchley Mr A Edwards
Mrs S Gates Mr D Parker Mrs J Fraser Ms K Wozencroft .

Clerk: Mrs Sandra Schwanethal

1. Cllr Scott opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.
2. To Note Apologies for absence:
None
3. To Approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 8th April 2014
The Minutes were deemed to be an accurate and true reflection of the Meeting.
4. Report by the Chairman
The Chairman's report is available as a supplementary document.
5. a) Receive reports from Committees/working parties.
This was mostly covered in the Chairman's report. Cllr Henchley spoke briefly of the Planning Committee and that people need to recognise the limitations of the Parish Council and that it is the District Council that actually takes the decisions.
Special thanks were given to Sara & Ian for all the work put into producing the first edition of "The Goat"
b) Receive reports from County and District Councillors.
The County and District Councillors did not address the meeting, but had sent their reports to the Clerk. Copies were available for collection on the table.
6. a) A representative from Hands Off Our Forest (Owen) gave a brief presentation and answered questions from the public and councillors. He thanked the Council for the donation given in September 2014. The money was used to help fight the Infrastructure Bill. The Forest of Dean was granted exemption due to its unique status. The fight continues.
b) A representative from the British Legion gave a brief report on the activities of the local Legion Members. A local member had recently been appointed as County President. Members had assisted students from Dene Magna with research on a First World War project. The poppy appeal had been a great success again last year. Money from donations was used to visit house bound ex personnel and to give Christmas presents. The local branch has 68 members currently and is looking for a new standard bearer. Meetings are held at the Xerox Social club on the second Tuesday of the month.

- c) A representative from Teens in Crisis (Sandra) gave a brief report of the current activities of the TIC centre. Sandra told the audience that referrals come through General Practitioners, School teachers, parents and self referrals. TIC see children from 8 to 21 years old. They use play therapy and cognitive behavioural therapy to help the children communicate. They currently have thirty counsellors.

7. There were no questions directed to the Chairman. Mrs M Smith spoke of her concern about the state of the drains specifically in Platts Row. Cllr A Edwards spoke of his concern of speeding police cars through the village.

End of year Accounts, Bank reconciliation statements, Income & Expenditure schedule, Balance sheet and Budget Reports were available for collection from the table.

Refreshments were offered and Members and Public mingled and spoke informally. The congregation had dispersed by 8.45pm

Signed:

Date: April 2016

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